

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...and the Appropriations Committee is looking at this to raise support for child protective custody workers and foster care workers, we've got to that. And so either an amendment to the budget, either through the Appropriations Committee, on the floor, bring 720 up, we can deal with that matter. So that is the two things I think we need to do, and I'm willing to do that. As a result, I'm going to ask that this kill motion be withdrawn and that we discuss how we solve this problem short of this bill, because this bill is not the solution, it is unconstitutional, it is inappropriate, but it raises the right issue we need to be looking at. So let us find the right solution to that issue.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. The motion to indefinitely postpone is withdrawn. Back to a discussion of the bill itself. Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you care to discuss the bill? Thank you. Senator Coordsen, we're back to you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, Senator Wesely and others on the floor have made good statements. Every one is speaking from the position of what they believe in. The people who were involved in writing this bill, the judges, county attorneys, child care groups also believed in what they were doing and were addressing a problem. And the problem is not within the policies of DSS, because the established policies are good, they're within the parameters of our Nebraska Family Policy Act, they're in keeping with federal guidelines. The Family Policy Act and guidelines, I might say, are also incumbent upon the judges when they make their decisions. LB 182 was not introduced to base DSS. In conversation with the people who have been heavily involved on the court side of juvenile issues, I've heard the figure used that they feel that the placements are right in an estimated 95 percent of the time. What this bill would do is provide a mechanism in those 5 percent or less of the cases that we're talking about where there is a good, sound, valid reason for disagreement between the parties that are involved. I've seen this develop from four proposals, down to three proposals, down to one proposal that was modified from time to time until we have 182 as it is presented to us today. LB 182, with the juvenile review panel, will provide the mechanism for agreement between the people who are seriously dedicated to the best possible care of juveniles that come before the courts that are assigned to the state as