

provision so that that additional advantage to the judges and problem with the judges could be dealt with, but it's a more complicated issue than that, and so I do anticipate part of the study that we're going to do will look at that opt out provision and potentially next year we'll be back with legislation that takes out the right of the county judge to take a child out of state responsibility and put them in county responsibility. And I know I'm running out of time so we'll...I would support this amendment and then we can talk further about where we're at with the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: I would just...are there any other lights on?

SPEAKER BARRETT: There are none. This constitutes your closing if you'd prefer.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Okay, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Senator Wesely made some good points. I would share that I've already introduced an interim study resolution, hopefully this body will adopt it, that will call for a study of the issues that are still being contested. I think that this bill was introduced not to be involved in department bashing, hopefully we have established a level playing field that will stop the pendulum at midpoint where the judiciary will not have total authority, the department will not have total authority and we will put in place with this bill, if there is cooperation on both sides, the opportunity for the judiciary, the Department of Social Services, the guardians, everyone to be involved at the beginning of the care and planning for the care of a juvenile where they will come together and discuss openly what is best for that particular person without one side having a lever over the other side. I hope that this bill will protect the budget of the State of Nebraska as amended by preventing unnecessary care and treatment procedures that come simply from a court decision. So with that, I would urge the adoption of the amendment to the bill and the movement of the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Coordsen amendment to LB 182. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Coordsen's amendment.