

tremendous amount of concern for. And that is one of the things that really I appreciate very much Senator Scofield and those on her staff and others who have worked so hard to try to put this before the body. And that is one of the reasons why I co-sponsored, with others, 662, and I believe that we can work through whatever difficulties remain and move the bill onward, and I give whatever time remaining to Senator Scofield, if she so desires.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you. I only have one thing to say about that, and you seem to be using my name an awful lot here and, frankly, there have been an awful lot of you in this body involved in this bill, and I really think the Legislature can feel good about how far we have come. We have got a long way to go yet, but we have come quite a ways in here and have been recognizing some other states for the work we have done and the work our staff has done. You have before you, I think, a copy of a chronology of what has happened with children services in Nebraska since 1974, and there were a couple of very good studies that were done in '74, and later on, and they were kind of shelved, and that is when this Legislature got involved in that process. And so the history, since this Legislature has gotten involved, is something that we can feel good about, and 662 is just a logical progression out of where we have been and where we are going. And so I hope we can quickly add on this list at the bottom, on the back of the page that our next step will be 662, and that we will successfully enhance our relationship as state government agencies with local communities. So don't give all the credit to me because it has taken all of you, many of whom have spent hours and hours of your time and staff time helping us get there, and I thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? Seeing none, Senator Scofield, did you complete your discussion? If not, this will constitute the closing.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. President, I am all but finished but I do want to reemphasize because of the concerns which I think are largely at this point technical in nature, but if any of you have had conversations with people that have concerns about this whole training and evaluation continuum and you want to be involved in this meeting that we will be calling very shortly to make sure that everybody irons this out, and that we get...I would expect an amendment on Select File to address whatever suggestions come out of this group, if you want to be a part of