

done an excellent job in writing up this proposal. I think we could see some really good programs develop across this state and give us some options for dealing with juvenile justice, so I would encourage the adoption of this amendment and then the advancement of the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Clerk, we have an amendment to the amendment.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, Senator Lindsay would move to amend the Scofield amendment. (Lindsay amendment appears on page 552 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lindsay, please.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, the amendment I've offered to the amendments is found at line 3, excuse me, page 3, in lines 11, 21 and 18, and the purpose of it is in each of those Sections A, C, and D to add the terminology "whenever the best interests of the juvenile require it", rather than making it or having it "whenever possible". Section A, or subsection (a) right now reads that preservation of the family unit, whenever possible, is desirable. I don't know that that is good policy. I think preservation of the family unit, whenever the best interests of the juvenile requires it, that might be good policy. Same thing in Section C, that act of family participation in whatever treatment is afforded a juvenile, rather than mandating that by having a finding, let's keep that at the best interests of the juvenile. I think that's what the purpose or I would hope the purpose of the bill is, in the first place. And the same thing in subsection (d), that treatment in the community rather than commitment to the youth development centers, again it's whenever possible. I think it should be whenever the best interests of the juvenile require it. I think we can't get away from the age-old theory that the best interests of the children in a situation like this just has to be paramount and to bring in, just make it whatever is possible, I think opens up the door and may change the standard inadvertently and I would hate to see that happen. I would urge the adoption of the amendment to the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, did you wish to talk about the amendment to the amendment or the amendment?

SENATOR NELSON: I guess I'll take to chance both, and I hope that we...first of all, I want to really commend Senator