

SENATOR CHIZEK: Well, I would just support the amendment. There's been a...this is...I've talked to Senator Scofield numerous times about this and I've questioned at hearings in Grand Island and that whether we were bound by it. Now we've got the amendment doing a lot of the things that are required, but I'm not so sure that we need to specifically talk about the federal act because once that's there we're bound forever in terms of what they require and what they don't require and I think Senator Lindsay is right. I think, as we go on, the potential is there for substantially increased cost and I think we should support Senator Lindsay's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm going to support Senator Lindsay's amendment in the off chance that it makes a difference. I'm not convinced that it does, but it is not significant one way or the other to implementing the bill and if it, in fact, would happen to serve the purposes down the road that Senator Lindsay is pointing to, I certainly have no objection to that. Maybe debating is the wrong word, but I think, frankly, when the resolution was passed in '81 and we started accepting the money that we're pretty well in it. The good news about this piece of legislation is, in my opinion, in addition to being good policy, implementing these programs makes it less likely that Nebraska would find it in the...find itself in the uncomfortable position of an Iowa, say, or some other states that have been sued under the Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. So I think if we get this in place, that puts in a better system for our juveniles in the state, eliminates the possibility of some public service entity coming in and suing us and I don't think that the presence of that language is important one way or the other and I would support your amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, please.

SENATOR NELSON: You know, Senator Scofield touched on a point that Senator Chizek and I, particularly stuck in my mind from our hearings and meetings in Grand Island and I think it was from the Crime Commission that if we didn't go along with the provisions of the Juvenile Justice Act, of which, incidentally, in general I do support and I think that in the long run the state would be a mistake if we didn't. But if we're absolutely, legally have to, I don't think we do, but on the other hand,