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amendments and explain that as a concept as a whole. So it's, at this point, kind of a technical matter bringing all these pieces together so we know what we have in front of us. The concept as the committee developed it was to basically put off the implementation date for a year, and have a person on board. We suggested, from the committee, a director of youth services who would then more refine that concept so that next year there would be additional legislation to either implement it or not implement it. But use that period of time for somewhat of a trial run. Senator Bernard-Stevens, like I say, has worked out some additional provisions in terms of how that would be handled, and what role that person will have, and how that person comes into being that will alter that as well. But the primary concept is to...to establish a separate Department of Juvenile Justice in such a way that juvenile matters will be handled differently than they are being handled now in conjunction with the adult grouping as well. So, I offer the committee amendment. And, again, all we're really doing is getting the subject in front of us so we can address the additional amendments that will refine it even more.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Conway. Discussion of the committee amendments. Seeing none, Senator Conway, do you wish to close? He waives closing. We will now vote on the committee amendments to LB 447. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the committee amendments to LB 447. Have you all voted? We are voting on the committee amendments to LB 447. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you like to explain the bill, and then go to your amendments, or would you like to just go directly to your amendments?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Why don't I...why don't I take a few minutes on opening on the bill, and explain what actually is going to transpire and the procedure that we'll go through on the amendments, if that would be all right, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: You may proceed.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you. Members of the body, this