

has really been a process of, a long, involved process of which a lot of people worked very, very hard. And it began originally, as you see in your green copy, of establishing a separate juvenile justice agency. From that time period there has been a tremendous amount of discussion during the interim with the Department of Corrections, Department of Social Services, Probations, Voices for Children, the Foster Care Review, judges that sit as, either the county judges that sit as juvenile delinquency judges at times, or juvenile delinquent judges. We had a tremendous input session during the entire interim. And we have come up with, for the most part, an amendment that will come before you in a few minutes. So, in essence, I want to explain what the amendment is going to be so that you have a clear understanding of what the bill is. The bill will not, and again I state the bill will not create a new agency. We're not going to be creating new agencies and putting millions of dollars into administrative costs, and new people, and typewriters. That is not going to happen. What is going to happen is that we will have an amendment pending, it will be amendment 2862, it's an amendment that's been agreed upon by all groups, all agencies, the Governor's Office and so on, and it will do the following--it will hire a director, and that director will be in charge of imple...of...of...of research and finding and developing a state plan for juvenile justice for the State of Nebraska. That director will be full-time, working up until the end of this particular act, which should be in, I believe, September of '93. At that point, during that process, the director is going to be advised and consulted by a commission. And the commission will deal with not representatives of, but the actual directors of the departments of DPI, Corrections, Social Services, Probation, Education Department, and also Foster Care. There will be a judge and an advocate, at some point, from one of the children advocate groups. There will also be two senators on that particular commission. They will work together to develop a plan. The juvenile justice plan will then be submitted to the Legislature and the Governor's Office. And, quite honestly, then at that point it's up to a senator or someone to look at the plan and say this is good, this is not good, these parts are good, we're going to work this into legislation and present it to the body for further consideration. So I would hope that we...that's what the amendment that will be before us will do. There's also a technical amendment that we need to have in order to change everything so it's in the proper order. And that's the process. I'd like for us to agree to the amendment because the amendment