

with natural resources, but I think there is an imbalance established by what is being done under the bill in its present form. What it does now is instead of having three judges, there will be four judges, which means they add a member of the juvenile court. So what this amendment would do is add one additional citizen who shall be appointed at large. The citizens are appointed by the Governor, and there is to be under the present law one citizen from each of the six judicial districts. Prescribed in Article V, Section 5 of the Constitution of the Nebraska, such citizens are to be appointed by the Governor and none can be a justice, judge, and so forth. Since they added an additional judge, there should be an additional citizen or lay person added to this commission. From the beginning when they set up these types of commissions dealing with any aspect of judicial activity, my concern has been that the citizens will tend to be in awe and outvoted by the judges. My feeling is that the citizens represent the chickens, and the judges represent the foxes and the wolves, and the chickens never win in a face-to-face meeting with foxes and wolves. So if they are going to add another fox, then I think they should add another chicken, that's in a manner of speaking. But this is a legitimate amendment in reality. I think all of the others were too, but I don't know why they see the need to add an additional judge but not an additional citizen. So I am going to ask Senator Withem, I know he is on the bill, but if there is somebody else, Senator Withem, who can answer this question, then I would put it to somebody else. The question is why was an additional judge added to the Judicial Resources Commission, and that additional judge would be a representative of the juvenile courts?

SPEAKER WITHEM: I...I would say the rationale would be because of the fact that there was no separate juvenile judge of the...separate juvenile court judge on the commission before, and they felt there was a need for that representation. I believe this language probably came from another bill. Maybe Senator Lindsay could enlighten both of us as to the source of that because this was not in my original bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Senator Lindsay,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...if you can recall, other than saying that there was not a juvenile judge on the commission, if you