

Nebraska children, we need to do for Nebraska children what we think is right. I think this amendment and this bill is a step in the right direction. I hope that enough people will support it this morning to get it moving, to send a signal to the people who work again...those parents who take the children in and treat them as their own, send a signal to them that we do care and we understand what they're trying to do and that we want to help them do it better. For me it's just so simple, why can't you all see it the way I do? (Laughter.) Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker, members, I support the amendment and I also support the bill. I have worked with the Foster Care Review Board, I have sat in on hearings. I also worked with DSS, and this is nothing personally against DSS, they have a job to do, they do it well. And Lord knows, there will be more jobs for them to do in the future, so let's let them do what they do and they do it well. Foster Care Review Board is made up of volunteers. This country could not survive without volunteers, absolutely could not. We have people from all walks of life on this Foster Care Review Board, they do a good job, they have the best interests of the children at stake. They don't have to serve, they could be out making \$80 an hour, whatever. We have attorneys on the board, we have doctors, we have everybody, they could be out doing what they're doing in their personal field. They choose to do this because they want to have a better way of life for the people who must be in these foster care review homes. They have the best interests there, let's keep them there. All this stuff about waiting for Washington, let's forget about Washington for a while, that hammer they hold over our head whether it's on monies received back from the roads or whatever, we have all the time...these if's...if this happens they'll keep this amount of money from us. Let's forget about them for awhile, let's do what's best for Nebraska, I think this is it. Let's move this bill ahead, get it on Select and maybe we can think about it over the summer and come up with an amendment or two for next year. But for right now it's a good bill, let's go with it. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Avery. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I stand in support of the amendment and also the bill. I think we've talked and talked and I think it's time for action. And I