

but if you take a look at the third parties who do not have a stake in that turf battle, I think you'll find an interesting mix here. You've got Judge Liz Crnkovich who supports 642, Judge Gerald Rouse who supports this change, individuals who showed up without any organization that they represent, Debbi Brown, Alfredo Ramirez. Then there's Ann Coyne, an academic from the University of Nebraska at Omaha who has studied services for children around this state, and she's probably our leading voice in the academic community on child development issues in this state. Then Dr. Stacie Bleicher from the Nebraska Chapter of Academic of...pardon me, the Academy of Pediatrics, Judge Kristine Cecava, and also Kathy Moore of Voices for Children. There is an opponent to this bill that I know, Judge Tom Dorwart, a friend of mine from Sidney, Nebraska, a county judge out there. Tom came down, testified in opposition, met with Mike Avery, and now, in fact, supports the bill. So you probably ought to move this opponent judge up to the list of proponents at this point. In other words, in that classic turfs battle that we always have, there are lots of people standing on the sidelines of that fight who watch children, who say 642 is good policy: Judges who handle these kinds of cases and who care very much about the quality of reviews that are done, the kinds of plans that get done, the kind of interaction they have with the people who are doing those plans; academics, people who study in the field, and the medical community, the kinds of people, by the way, who serve on foster care review boards; the people who put in their volunteer effort to see to it that kids get good adequate planning and services for their needs. It's one of the reasons why I can put aside whatever turf battle there is and still have a body of people who care very much about kids, who tell me that 642 is a good idea. I support them, I support this amendment, I urge you to do as well.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I appreciate Senator Landis's recitation of the testifiers at the hearing and his recognition of their role as advocates for children. And I, too, feel that that group is an excellent one, but I, unlike Senator Landis, am not convinced that the argument has been made, that we should support LB 642 and make a change. There's a number of reasons for that. And we argued this out last year. I'm not going to take as much time, I don't think,