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doing in OJS and if there's any changes in regards to placement of young juveniles in anything that would be an institution not for adults. In other words, we have boot camps, we have bootie camps, we have all things before us this year. Are we setting any new policy beginning with this, or is it just existing language we have under the adjudication and property of OJS?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Senator Bernard-Stevens, first, let me tell you that whenever we discuss OJS we think of you and are very cautious because we know you're the father of that effort and a very proud father. You should be. The efforts that are underway there blend in completely with what we're trying to talk about. We feel that Corrections has too long been outside of the health and human service area in trying to meet the needs of families that are in trouble. And so trying to bring them out of Corrections and into this new entity and merge them together so they can jointly address problems that families are having in this regard is what we're trying...what we're attempting to do. We don't see... Back to Senator Witek's question, the programs and services, the policy direction that we've taken in the past, which includes what you've done with OJS, none of that changes under this bill. We have taken all existing language, not tried to recreate, add or subtract to it, but simply realign it administratively. And then the next step, if we want to talk about any policy changes, that will be for next session. So in fact there should be nothing in this bill or the committee amendment that has any new direction to it. We think that, for instance, the direction that OJS is now taking blends in very well with what we're talking about. So we see this as meshing, and that's what we're trying to do with this language.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Now I'm going to jump to a question in a similar vein, but I'm going to jump to your handout that you had on the grids, which is a very pretty grid, Senator Wesely, for a Monday morning. We could have used some color, but nonetheless, black and white is fine. And I'm specifically going...if...there's a page number, actually I'm going to page 31, and I'm going to go again under OJS, which is about half way down. You might want to check with Gina, or it might be one that we just discuss later as we find out the information. But I did notice with interest, and I must