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SENATOR THOMPSON: That's my understanding, yes.

SENATOR TYSON: Okay.

SENATOR THOMPSON: This would be only for youth before the juvenile court with a juvenile crime, however.

SENATOR TYSON: I...I understand that...

SENATOR THOMPSON: That's the section that (interruption)...

SENATOR TYSON: ...but crime can be caused for psychiatric reasons, and if we have an attorney representing the child and in that attorney's opinion or the opinion of others that child is best served, I mean I'm talking about the long-term benefit of the child is best served by having psychiatric treatment or treatment by a psychologist, say, child psychologist, whatever, the judge, according to the language that has been stricken here, no longer can make that order.

SENATOR THOMPSON: The...at disposition, the placement then would be determined by the Office of Juvenile Services. This is done,...

SENATOR TYSON: Which is a portion of Health and Human Services.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...hopefully, collaboratively with all the parties involved with the juvenile. That's...that's...when we get to the discussion of LB 610, which right now we're...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...we'll be able to go into it, but this would be a change. This would be saying that the Department of Health and Human Services would then make those decisions at...if a child is placed with them at disposition based upon the information that would have been provided by the court.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Members of the body, the judge still has the authority to...it's, again, it's my understanding the judge still has the authority to overrule