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state. Children adjudicated for law violations, misdemeanors, felonies, or traffic violations may continue under the jurisdiction of the court, either on probation or at home under supervision of a probation officer. If the children are placed with the Office of Juvenile Services, the state would then pay for the care, custody, and maintenance during that time with no liability being assessed against the counties. That's part two. Those changes ensure that all youth placed in state custody, whether with the Department of Health and Human Services or the Office of Juvenile Services, receive appropriate services and placements and that the costs of those services and placements are paid for by the state. The cost follows the custody and jurisdiction. Then we move to the third bill, which was then LB 472, which included...which transfers the secure youth confinement facility into the...or to the Office of Juvenile Services. The amendment would transfer the management and operation of the secure youth facility in Omaha from the Department of Correctional Services to the Office of Juvenile Services within the Department of Health and Human Services. Several existing statutes were amended to make existing law conform to the intent of the amendment. Several sections in Chapter 43 dealing with infants and juveniles are amended into the area of the Juvenile Code, as are several sections from Chapter 83 dealing with the Department of Correctional Services. Those are all, I will represent to you, technical. Then, on the effective date, all buildings, equipment, fixtures and furnishings of the secure youth confinement facility would be transferred. An interagency agreement would be established between Corrections and the Juvenile Services to efficiently accomplish the transfer, and the two agencies would also contract for support and security for the secure youth confinement facility. That's a summary of the committee amendment, which is, as I understand it, preserved in the Thompson amendment; but since it's in the Thompson amendment we can, in fact, do away with the committee amendments and move to the Thompson amendment. I wanted you to have the committee's representations and summarization with regard to those aspects which we treated in the committee last year. With that, I'd be pleased to answer any questions and ultimately I will be requesting a vote against the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Mr. Clerk,