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SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. On the committee amendment, I have passed out a blue sheet showing the kind of information that you need to have to make a learned decision on this. On the back of the sheet is the case load of our juvenile judges in Douglas County. And since 1988 the number of court ordered hearings generated per year in the Douglas County Juvenile Court has increased 136 percent. And they desperately need some help. If the juvenile justice only dealt with delinquents, it would be all right, but they deal with victims as well as with lawbreakers. And hopefully, they can do this in a more timely fashion so that kids are not left in the Youth Attention Center and not getting any help and not getting any rehabilitation. And hopefully we can adjudicate these kids a little bit faster and get them out of home, if they need to be out of home, and get them taken care of in a more timely fashion. I would appreciate your support of the committee amendments. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Suttle. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, in order to make a point crystal clear, I've got to share with you all a little story. It's a children's story. There was this young guy named Bartek, he was ridiculed by everybody because he was deemed to be lazy. He didn't do anything well, except one thing, and that one thing was nothing. He would curl up by the fireplace in the winter and, other than rising to take nourishment and go to the bathroom, he wouldn't stir again until spring. So he was a past master at sleeping and lounging. Finally, his mother grew aged and she said, Bartek, I cannot have this, I cannot support you anymore, you do not work, but you eat a lot, and you're about to eat the both of us out of house and home, so you've got to go get a job. He said, well I don't know how to get a job, I don't know how to work, so what must I do? She said, you're a grown man and you've got to fend for yourself now, but I'm going to give you the family cow, so you will have something with which to give you a start. You take this cow to the marketplace, you sell her, you get enough money to sustain you until you get a job. So Bartek didn't know where the marketplace was, so instead of hitching the cow to him, his mother hitched Bartek to the cow and the cow led him to