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transferred to another state through a job. The child goes with the family. The next state is notified, and the terms of treatment and consequences that were set for that juvenile will then follow them to the next state. It also covers juveniles who have run away, who we have an obligation to return to their home state, and various other aspects of the juvenile justice system when two states need to cooperate with carrying on the treatment for the child, or returning the child to another state after they have gone to that state and committed a crime. first agreement was in 1955. This improves the way we handle it, collect the data, settle disputes between states, and is a vast improvement over what's currently on the books. And once 35 states have adopted it, it will go forward. This would put Nebraska at the table for when those decisions are made. would be happy to answer any questions you may have. And I think this is the time to update this compact. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. You've heard the opening on LB 4. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of LB 4. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I think this bill that is before us right now, Senator Thompson's bill, is a very worthy bill. But I would like to engage in a little conversation with Senator Thompson, because I have some concerns with it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Thompson, would you yield?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Senator Thompson, how much of a problem with the data with juveniles in other states...is there a problem now with trying to get the kids back into our communities, into our jurisdiction? Or what is the main reason for this bill?

SENATOR THOMPSON: The main reason is to update it from the fifties. And the kids...some of the issues the states were facing is that they discovered there were kids in their communities that maybe they didn't know were coming in, disputes over who was paying for the treatment once a child came into the