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community, making sure that there was adequate supervision, and also timely transfers from one state to another. And some of these things were being done kind of informally. But the...a survey was done of all the states, and a lot of problems were identified because things were not written down and there were no ways to settle disputes that may happen. And also, the data collection, tracking the kids and where they were and what kind of treatment. For example, if the court in Nebraska said this child needs six months' residential treatment, the family...there's a divorce, the person with custody is leaving the state, to make sure that that's actually carried out. So an effort was put together by the federal government, Department of Justice, using CSG to try to work out a way to get this updated.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: So, Senator Thompson, thank you for that information. So realistically, the way I understand this is, if...you know, if we can update the data, improve the system, the real people that will benefit from it would be the juveniles, hopefully, so that they can move in a fashion that won't stall them out somewhere, or they have a problem and can't continue in the process. Would that be a good estimation of what we're doing?

SENATOR THOMPSON: That would be the primary goal. And a secondary goal deals with state government, and how we are able to carry out our duties and have the other states be thinking in similar fashion, and providing information, and, quite frankly, paying their bills when the child is transferred to us.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Yes. Thank you, Senator Thompson. I think this is very good, because of anything that we can do, you know, to hopefully try to improve, you know, the juveniles so that they can get back to society in the earliest time frame possible. You know, I think this is very good. So I truly support this bill. And thank you. And I'll return the balance of my time to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Further discussion on the advancement of LB 4? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature,