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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Starting in line 7, it talks about the compacting states. They recognize that each state is responsible for the proper supervision or return of juveniles, delinquents, and status offenders who are on probation or parole and who have absconded, escaped, or run away from supervision and control, and in so doing have endangered their own safety. Suppose by running away they have not endangered their own safety. Would they come under the sweep of this bill?

SENATOR HOWARD: Yes, sir, they would, because they would be under the court jurisdiction. If they were Nebraska state wards, they would be under the jurisdiction of the Nebraska court system, and in fact had left their placement, so they would have endangered themselves simply by leaving their placement.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, that doesn't in and of itself mean that they've endangered themselves. If they run away from home, would that bring them under the sweep of this bill?

SENATOR HOWARD: Yes, sir, it would. If they were wards of the Department of Health and Human Services and under court jurisdiction, it would.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But if they were in their own home it would not apply. Is that correct?

SENATOR HOWARD: Well, you know, that would not necessarily be true. Because if they were wards of Nebraska, if they were wards of the state of Nebraska and under the court jurisdiction, but placed at home, and ran away from home to another state, I believe this would apply.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You're aware that there have been children endangered both in foster care, public institutions, and their homes. And complaints or suspicions had been raised, and nothing was done by the authorities, and those children wound up suffering serious injury and even death. You're aware of that, aren't you?