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Legislature. I have one question, first of all, of Senator Thompson. Senator Thompson, under this compact, if we do not join the compact, would that mean that our kids, juveniles that are wanting to go to other states, or those people who have juveniles wanting to come to this state, if we are not members, do not have to be part of that?

SENATOR THOMPSON: What it means is that if you're one of the remaining states left, you're still operating under the previous 1950 compact. And eventually, that would not exist, when it got down to one state. So things are moving. This is going to happen. This is just the transition right now. I don't...

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Last year, maybe it was the year before, I carried a bill on the interstate compact for adults. But I'm telling you, colleagues, there's a lot of difference between the adult court system and the juvenile court system, especially in the state of Nebraska. I hope you're listening to Senator Chambers and Senator Thompson. Senator Thompson is not trying to pull the wool over anybody's eyes here. She wants to pass a bill that is going to be a benefit to the state. Senator Chambers is bringing up some issues that I think are very, very important and we need to listen to. A lot of people know I work with young people. But the young people I work with, believe it or not, are not in the juvenile court system. I don't know a whole lot about the juvenile court system. The kids I work with are being charged as adults, and they're in the adult system. Most of them are juveniles, but they're in the adult system. And there's quite a bit of difference. But I've been to court, juvenile court, many times. And I understand the word...when Senator Chambers says "enmeshed" in the system. Some of these children get into the system and can't get back out. It is an enmeshment that we need to be aware of. Guardians ad litem, if I had my way and it was the only vote in here, I would say guardians ad litem would be out of the picture. I have not seen them serve our youth well at any time. Most of the ones I have seen serve our youth, meet with the youth five minutes before they go to court, and then make a presentation to the court. The judges I've talked to said they need them. My own experience has been that they do not serve us well. Social services and the juvenile court