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me, crying for help, and their families do, too. And I say, why don't you talk to the caseworker? Well, the caseworker created the problem. And then they threaten these children. And if you go to so-and-so...because some have been told, don't talk to Senator Chambers. Our children are not being seen after. This...if it were not for the bureaucracy, this bill would not be here. If there is a genuine concern about the welfare of our children and how they're treated, we would be enacting laws at the state level to address some of these issues...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that go directly to these children's welfare. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers and Senator Pedersen. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of Chambers amendment. Senator Thompson, followed by Senator Beutler and others.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. First of all, in regard to the functioning of the juvenile justice system and its shortcomings, you've heard from me many, many years on that topic. And we have made a number of changes in the Legislature. We can't solve the whole thing today. But this takes care of a piece of an issue in the juvenile justice system, where we can make the system work better, not only for the bureaucracy, but for the kids. You don't want children who have run away or absconded left in detention centers for days and days and days and days around this state because you can't figure out how to get them transferred back to their home state. You don't want their situations lingering when families are moving, when they need that connection. You don't want their processes being slowed down by bickering among the bureaucracy of the states over who's doing what, who's paying for what, and what the details are going to be. It is in the best interests of the juveniles for us to update this. This was written in the 1950s, before you had computer systems and interstate highways and ways for people to move around as well and as often as they do in our society. And it's out of date. And in recent years, there have been some