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combination of provisions, there, clearly, is the lawmaking power, the statute-making power with respect to those areas which I hope we'll talk about some more, and Senator Chambers is getting into that. Therein is the...is a lawmaking...a substantial lawmaking power. And who did we hand this power over to? We're handing this power over to the compact administrator who we appoint in this state. And who appoints the compact administrator in this state? That person is appointed to serve at the pleasure...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...of the Governor, not even with the consent of the Legislature. So we have a compact administrator who is a legislator, who is appointed by the Governor to make laws that you and I in here need to bow to if we don't agree with them, except, as I understand it--and I want to explore this with you--I guess we can go back and make different laws, if we so choose. But in any event, it appears that the compact administrator is the lawmaker to start with. So my first question to you would be, as a principle of government, how do you justify an appointee who serves at the pleasure of the Governor making laws for the state of Nebraska?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Howard, would you respond? I'm sorry, but your time is up, Senator Beutler. I'm sorry about that. Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members. I, too, am not extremely knowledgeable relative to our juvenile system. But one thing...there's been some mention of the adult interstate compact that was adopted by this body, I think two years ago, under LB 46. And a little bit that I might be able to bring to the debate is, as a practicing probation officer prior to that time, the state probation system--and I would assume likewise with the parole system--we provided the services to the offenders. We provided probationary supervision for incoming offenders. We provided supervision and sent offenders to other states with...I never experienced any problem whatsoever in terms of working collaboratively and cooperatively with other states in getting the services to the offenders.