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indicates that when probation personnel are working for a separate juvenile court basically it is the intent of the Legislature that they will remain employees dealing with juvenile matters and will not be transferred to adult probation work without the consent of a separate juvenile judge. The need for this amendment at this point is because we have another bill up. It is on Final Reading. It also deals with juvenile court probation personnel, assigns probation officers to the...juvenile probation officers to the adult network. This particular measure just merely indicates that when they are transferred they will be, continue to be assigned to juvenile court work. I urge the adoption of this amendment.

**SPEAKER NICHOL:** Senator Fenger.

**SENATOR FENGER:** Senator Withem, a question of Senator Withem, if he would yield, please.

**SENATOR WITHEM:** Yes, I'd be delighted to.

**SENATOR FENGER:** If you limit the probation officers, the content of their work to juvenile court, pay them a monthly salary, what happens to their time if there is no juvenile work for them and they are still prohibited from any adult probation work?

**SENATOR WITHEM:** Senator Fenger, in the state today there are three counties that do, in fact, have separate juvenile courts. The way the law is now stipulated the probation officers are working with those juvenile justices. They are overworked. They are very busy with juvenile court matters. The rest of 973 in effect guarantees that we will have no more than these three individual counties that now have juvenile courts. No other counties in the state will have juvenile courts at least for 30 or 40 years the way the bill is now written. This is just a provision to guarantee that those personnel now working for juvenile courts will continue to work for them. I don't think...if I may continue, I realize I am using your time, I don't think we are going to have a problem with them sitting around and doing nothing, given the structure of the Lancaster Court,