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advised clients when I have handled these types of cases to make that person work and pay for that and in most cases it has worked very well, but it's, I think parents are trying to get away from their responsibilities, put it on the courts, put it on the Sheriff, put it on somebody else and I think this is wrong and I think that if it is going to go to court and a judge is going to make a decision, let it be through the firmly established route, route of probation which is now being beefed up and which can be used by the County District Judges which are the judges that will take care of this matter.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Chambers, speaking on L.B. 25.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. I would agree wholeheartedly with what Senator Luedtke says about this bill being unnecessary. I think I may have read something in the paper about where it arose and I'm going to ask Senator Carsten a question before I proceed.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carsten, will you yield for a question?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Carsten, did this arise from a group of young people who were having some kind of conference and one suggested this as a piece of legislation?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Yes, sir, this came to me from a senior high student in a government class in Plattsmouth, where they have had some problems in this area and the class as a whole were more or less studying this problem, trying to arrive at a solution and this little gal came to me with this bill, thinking that this would be a means of helping these young people to realize the error that they had made and make it more meaningful that--this is true, it did come from a teenager, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I believe that in view of what Senator Luedtke said about the overall program, trying to coordinate treatment and proper handling of juvenile offenders then, I would say all offenders. It's nice that the bill came this far and showed the young lady that somebody's responsive to her in government but it's obvious that the class and this young lady had not studied the efforts being put forth in form of comprehensive legislation to deal with all areas of offense so that hers could very well be a discordant note in the overall melodious harmony that we try to bring out of the Judiciary Committee on these matters. I think this bill should not be advanced; in fact, I think it should be killed. It smacks, in addition to what Senator Luedtke said, of the old chain gang to me and I'm very sensitive about that. It would not take care of the problem that it's supposed to take care of and I think she has had her day in court, in the Legislature and I believe that the bill should be killed so, after the attempt has been made by everybody to say what they have to say on it, I'm going to offer that motion.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Snyder. Then we have lined up to speak; Whitney, Nore, Murphy, Stahmer and Carpenter. Stahmer cancelling. Senator Snyder.

SENATOR SNYDER: Thank you Mr. President. Members of the body. I think that this bill is more than the quiet piece of legislation that many thought it to be. I think that we've got to place this bill in total perspective with some other measures that we have discussed here in recent days. If you will, let's take this on one end and let's take the capital punishment issue on the other end. The interesting arguments presented by Senator Luedtke, by Senator Chambers, should be considered. I know