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state and I would hate to see this Legislature kill this bill this morning.

PRESIDENT: Before we finish now, Senator Stahmer, do you wish to be heard on the motion to indefinitely postpone?

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President and members of the body, I am going not to support Senator Luedtke on his kill motion but I do wish that Senator Carstens, if the bill is allowed to live, would look into some of these questions that Senator Luedtke raised about the Juvenile Court, especially, and what can and cannot be done, and perhaps improvement could be made in this bill. I don't think we ought to force children to go to jail. I think many times...in all cases, that is. I think many times if they go out and work, it's a much more healthy thing than placing them in a jail where you might...God knows in some of our county jails and so forth what the situation is. But I think Senator Luedtke has raised some points and I would hope that Senator Carsten would be willing to talk to some of the Juvenile judges and see, if perhaps, the bill could, in fact, be improved.

PRESIDENT: All right. Now, we are down to Senator Carstens, do you wish to be heard on the motion to indefinitely postpone?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Yes, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I am amazed that a little old bill like this that comes from a teenager could cause this much controversy and discussion of the floor. I think it's good if this little gal and her government class in Plattsmouth hasn't done anything more, they have made this Legislature sit up and listen and think and whether the bill lives or dies, I believe that the youth of Nebraska has, once again, made themselves known. I rise to speak against the kill motion. I think that we do have a problem with youth in Nebraska. I think that we are trying to solve it and here is an area in LB 25 that the youth itself is trying to help solve their problem. And I believe that regardless of what Senator Luedtke says and I grant that he has some points. I grant that Senator Stahmer also has some points and it is within my power and will to improve the bill if this be necessary for the bill. If you will move it on, I will try to do that. I hope that you don't approve the kill motion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, do you care to close on your motion to indefinitely postpone. All right. Is there any further discussion now? Senator Chambers is closing on his motion to indefinitely postpone. Go ahead.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Mahoney made the...used the term "do-gooder" with reference to those who are opposed to this bill and I will just say to Senator Mahoney, I'd rather be known as a "do-gocder" than

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