

requires a detention hearing, adjudication hearing and a disposition hearing and two reviews each year. In 1984 they held a total of 5,012 hearings. Now that was done with three judges and believe me, we know how long hearings can last here in the Legislature and how sometimes we can have one hearing a day and only listen to one bill and the three judges then would have a...oh, I think it's around 1,800 a year that are not completely heard or not completed. With only two judges they would have to, with the same amount that they had in 1985, hold 22.28 hearings a day. The neglect and the dependency hearings take a full day, sometimes two or three days depending on the number of witnesses. The delinquency status offender take a minimum of one hour or more depending on the number of witnesses. The neglect detention hearings often take a full morning or an afternoon if they are contested. Of the 512 cases in 1985 and we expect the total amount to be higher than they were according to the first quarter figures so far as of March 1st. According to the figures each judge could thus handle 1,665 hearings a year or 3,300 hearings a year for two judges. According to the 1984 hearings again there would be 1,682 hearings left over at the end of the year. Going into 1985 the juvenile court had to carry over 325 neglect dependency cases still open from prior years. Now we're talking about neglect cases where children are neglected and I think that should be vitally important to those that would oppose this bill. We believe that if the Douglas County Juvenile Court to be adequately served, the adolescents of this community, a third judge is vitally important to Douglas County. I don't want to take up any more time. We just have 15 minutes and this is very important. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I'm certainly one that has a lot of empathy for our young people and would not want to do anything to damage that relationship or hinder the problems, correction of problems of those young people. However, I would like to ask Senator Beutler a question if I may.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler, I guess you're asked for a question.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Beutler, I understood that you said