

standard line of the current national administration. But if nonlawyers could not serve properly as play judges and do the things a judge should do effectively, why are they going to take nonlawyers in Douglas County, Lancaster County and Sarpy County and have them doing what judges apparently are doing now? What I've been told, along with the rest of you, is that judges hear these cases, but they hear them only on Friday morning, or at least only one day a week. Maybe some will go into the afternoon if they are very dedicated. So what they are saying now is that if you pass this bill and allow a portion to take effect that will guarantee the jobs of those who are serving as masters now then it is a good thing and you have nonlawyers doing what judges had been doing before. They need the time to train these people because right now they are not competent to do that. The Chairman indicated, and here I am a little foggy, so he may have to correct me, that some time is needed to prepare these nonjudges, these nonlawyers to do the things that judges before had done. So they need until September 1, 1986. The reason they selected September 1, 1986, because I see some puzzled faces, you are probably wondering why that date is magical, don't you. Well, that will be the first full moon after the immediately preceding full moon. So they selected September 1, 1986. I think we ought to give them all the time that is imaginable. So I'm offering an amendment that says the effective date will be October 1, 1986. I'm hoping that you will join me in this endeavor. I've been in this Legislature a long time. I've been through 15 ...this is the 15h session. A lot of times the Legislature, as somebody mentioned to me yesterday, is like an ant hill. Where undisturbed the ants go about doing their jobs and you don't see very many of them. But if something troubles that ant hill, like the foot of a child or the stick of an adult, then ants come from everywhere, scurrying about, talking to each other in ant and uncle language, trying to find out what has gone on. So when efforts such as mine are being undertaken, a scurrying occurs, as people begin to plot strategy for bringing it to an end. I expect that, and it is to be done. But this bill was dropped on the Legislature very recently. It is a very serious bill. I'm going to treat it in that fashion. If they don't want a heavy bill like this, debate it at length in the closing days of the session, don't bring it out here like that. They have got to start getting these lawyers and judges together sooner. In giving an explanation of why this bill was delayed Senator Higgins, who has expressed an