

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I think everybody here knows that when it comes to the juvenile court in Douglas County the only children there were born and reared in Douglas County. We don't have anybody that comes before a juvenile court in Omaha that was born in Hall County or Cass County or Morrill County. Nobody immigrates to Omaha from the farm communities. Your runaway girls and your runaway boys, they don't go to Omaha. They don't get picked up for shoplifting but they do and we have a goodly number of young boys and young girls that left the farm or the small community where everybody knew them because they were bored and the bright lights of the big city attracted them. And because they had some good upbringing from their parents, rather than stoop to prostitution, they might stoop to shoplifting when they get hungry, and you don't know where they are, and if you think in a city of 400,000 our police department will find them, you are wrong, but if they have left you, they are angry. And when we get the backlog of cases, your little girl or your little boy is going to sit in our juvenile detention home, and to give you an idea of what it is like go out and visit the state penitentiary here. The same rotten, perverted, sexual things occur very often in our juvenile detention homes when they become overcrowded, and they become overcrowded when we don't have enough judges to hear the cases expeditiously. Mr. Chairman. I guess I am getting the message. Because of the noise in this Chamber, I have got the message. Go with Bobby. The budget is the most important thing. Then if the children aren't from your county, what difference does that make? They are not your children. Your children would never do those things. I hear the rumble starting up again. Senator DeCamp said the deficit, I remember when John DeCamp, my freshman year, was the one that said timing is everything in this Legislature, Marge. He is right. This is the wrong time. But John DeCamp, champion, overriding Charlie Thone's 800,000 veto for the mentally retarded in my district, in District 6, and we had terrible deficits then. We had special sessions to transfer funds. You are not talking about money here. You are not talking about Douglas County. You are not talking about an extra judge. You are talking about youngsters that will be held in juvenile detention homes until and if you are lucky enough to find out that they are there, especially if they give the police false identification, a wrong name, or refuse to give the name...