

system, and I think the biggest crime of all would be that without this supervision eventually these youngsters are going to end up committing more crimes and you will eventually find them in your state penitentiaries...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...and costing a great deal more money than what we are talking about this morning, something like \$60,000, I think. So I would urge you, Senators, in considering this appropriation, forget the jobs but think about the children in the juvenile court systems that are going to be affected by it, and think about them without the supervision, what is going to happen to them. Remember, they aren't all offenders of the law. Many of them, a large percentage of them are victims of child abuse and that is why the juvenile court gets involved to help them. So I am asking you to think more about the children than about the loss of jobs. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise in support of the Beutler amendment and I would just like to reiterate that in the past legislative history there has been, when this was first set up they were referred to as service officers, then later on they were referred to as probation officers and then they went back to some statutes referring to them as service officers and some statutes were referring them to as probation officers. It really doesn't matter. They are now probation officers because that is what they actually do. So if we pick these eight out and say, no, you shall go on down the road and find some other job, we are literally going to wind up having to hire them back eventually in the long run anyhow because the caseload, as Senator Higgins indicated, has grown rapidly and, in fact, over the last four years, '82, '83, '84, '85, it's been a steady increase of about the same number of cases, that same increase, in other words, each year for four years. There is no indication in the courts' work, today's society, or anything else that indicates that we are going to reverse that, to level it off even. It is going to continue to build. As today's society problems continue to manifest themselves, we will in turn have this caseload go up, up, up, up and there is just nothing we can do about it. Now, over the past three or four years, you all know that