

it is printed on. This amendment is one that would allow the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to appoint on a temporary basis a county judge to fill in for a judge of the juvenile court should that judge be disabled, or disqualified to act, or temporarily absent from the county. The basic purpose of this amendment is to allow full coverage in the juvenile court in the event that a juvenile court judge is on an extended vacation, or is quite ill, or is otherwise unable to function as such. As you know, there are three juvenile court systems in this state, Sarpy County, Douglas County, and Lancaster County, so this is a fairly localized amendment but it is essentially designed to assure for continuity of caseload management and adjudications. With that, I would offer the amendment. I hope that I can find the page that it is on.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Abboud, please.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President and colleagues, I rise in opposition to the amendment. In looking at the amendment, I looked through the Journal. I wasn't able to find it either, but in looking at the amendment that was up at the Clerk's...okay. Mr. President, did they have a page number on that? Was it 843? Okay.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Is it 840, Senator Vard Johnson? 843.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, okay. I still rise in opposition to the particular amendment. It isn't quite the way Senator Johnson explains it in the reading above the amendment. I think in a situation where you have a juvenile court judge that is, in fact, ill or unable to serve as a juvenile court judge, I think it might not be a bad idea to have a county court judge fill in for the juvenile court judge if that particular judge is ill, or possibly even a district court judge fill in for the juvenile court judge as is presently done at this time. But the amendment itself is very broad and what it does is it provides for the Supreme Court to appoint a county court judge to a juvenile court judge seat at the discretion of the Supreme Court. It doesn't provide for an illness, or a disability of a particular judge, and I think if the sponsor of the amendment would like to provide for that particular situation, I might be able to support that particular amendment. Unfortunately, that isn't the case of this particular amendment. Let me just do a little background on the juvenile court system. The juvenile court