

Nebraska and even though it is tough times I hope that next year we do have money to adequately fund or put in an additional juvenile court judge.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time.

SENATOR ABOUD: Is that time?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes.

SENATOR ABOUD: Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. We will call on...Senator Abboud, did you wish to speak again? Before you do, Senator Abboud, may I introduce a couple of former Sergeant-at-Arms in our group and they are under the south balcony, Mr. Norm Hubertus and George Moats. Would you fellows please stand? It is good to see you again. I hope you are enjoying retirement. Senator Abboud, and then we will...

SENATOR ABOUD: Just one brief comment, Mr. President and colleagues. I would like to say that we are not talking about a juvenile court system that puts an additional judge in there. If you will recall, we did have an associate judge that handled...we had essentially three juvenile court judges in Douglas County and when we had the court merger with the municipal court system as well as the county court system, as we found out with the probation officers, there was a lot in the bill that people didn't quite realize and at least for myself I didn't realize that we were doing away with a juvenile court judge in the system by doing away with the associate county judges. So we did have three juvenile court judges up until about six, seven, well, up until the system was finally merged. So we have had three judges in that system. I hope in the future sometime that we can continue to have an additional judge, but up until that time I think we should leave the system intact as it is and so with that I urge you not to adopt the Senator Johnson amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Withem, then Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. President and members of the body, I join Senator Abboud in asking you to oppose the Vard Johnson amendment. The other day we had an amendment that probably seems unrelated to this discussion but I would like to visit