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SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you. Before the passage of the bill, we added by amendment a proposal...or, an amendment to the bill that required the Department of Social Services to file a report with the Legislature annually with respect to the additional costs of carrying out the recommendations of the three-judge review panel. And then we noticed about a year later that the Legislature did not receive that report that was required by statute. And in a...when we asked why,...

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SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...the response we got was that the costs were so minimal, they really didn't keep track of them. And I take some amount of pride in that, because the original fiscal note I think was the largest, or close to the largest I'd ever been able to achieve on a piece of proposed legislation. And it ended up, with the three judges reviewing contested...only contested cases, that no one could make a determination that it actually cost anything more, and maybe even less, because more rational thought process went into the original disagreement between the department and what...whoever the county or juvenile court judge was.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. I really appreciate your bringing us up to speed on how we got here on the child welfare side. And also, just for further clarification,...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Time. Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Dwite Pedersen is next, followed by Senators Jensen, Coordsen, Thompson, Bruning, and Brown.

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Madam President. First of all, I want to say what Senator Thompson is trying to do is...I'm not so sure it's all bad ideas. But at this point, that is strictly ideas. This is a substantial change to this bill. It's a twelve page amendment. It changes it drastically. I will not be supporting the amendment, and hope that you will do...ask the questions and listen to what Senator Thompson has