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generations in the building are not going to be undone overnight, even if the technical barriers are taken away. If you take a person and burden him or her with a load of rocks so heavy that he or she walks in a bent over position every hour of every day that she is awake, you can remove the basket and she continues to hold that bent over position. When you dominate people and you destroy their spirit,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that person could be told that the oppressor no longer exists, but that individual has been so spirit broken that he or she still is unable to look people in the eye, unable to believe that he or she is worth anything, and that is the status of most women in this society. And you can hear statistics of the kind Senator Suttle has read to us where our young women are abused in the system, and two of them very recently were murdered, and there's a ho-hum on the floor of the Legislature.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Thompson, on AM1528.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. I would like to ask some questions of Senator Jensen, please.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Jensen, Senator Thompson would like you to yield to a question.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, I'm sorry.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Senator Jensen, I'm asking you this in your role as Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, because if this bill goes forward there are some things, I think, that the committee will be hearing about in subsequent years and I want to make sure that those have been discussed. First of all, do you believe there's a case plan...first of all, are you familiar with the structure of Health and Human Services as it relates to the development of plans for juveniles in out-of-home placement?