

have enough staff overseeing our children that are our responsibility as a state. We do not have enough staff looking out for our children who are potentially in abusive situations. We need to put more money and resources into that area and if we could do that, it would help tremendously. We have too large a workload and not enough people to manage it. And the sufferers, the people hurt by that are the children of the state. So I am suggesting a couple of alternatives to this bill, number one, that we examine in the budget and perhaps with that other legislation the question of adequate staffing for the department to deal with this circumstance; and, secondly, in terms of an oversight function, if that is preferable, a way could be examined to take the mental health review team under the department and work with them or modify that circumstance so that we could have that function performed within the department and constitutionally available. I'm willing to look at that issue. At this point, this bill is not in a position to deal with the matter, and I would be glad to go through the bill in more detail at a later point. How much time do I have?

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: I do have a summary of the bill, that I won't go into because of the lack of time. The summary goes through, section by section, the problems of the bill, the shift from the judicial branch, excuse me, from the Department of Social Services to the judicial branch, the costs involved, the access problems, the timing problems under this bill, the review mechanism difficulties, the fact that additional juveniles would be brought under the authority of the department, the costs involved with that, the problems of inadequate or unfair provisions for appeal under this system. And the fact is with a review team of judges you essentially have not changed anything, all you've done is move back to the judicial branch this power without an adequate or fair review, and I certainly feel that we need to proceed in killing the bill and working together on this issue for perhaps some further action next session.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Coordsen, the floor is yours to respond to the motion to indefinitely postpone the bill.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Wesely, for making most of my case for me. The case that brought about LB 182 was in regard to the interests of GBMB and