

was a caseworker who had placed the child in this inappropriate climate and not a judge, that a caseworker had done this. I have many, many other facts and figures, I have court history to tell you about, to show you some of the testimony given by the department under oath, it's not exactly true, but I will save all of that until we get to the bill. I just ask you not to vote to indefinitely postpone this bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Crosby, followed by Senators Nelson and Schmit.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise also to oppose the kill motion on this bill because I do support the bill. And I want to remind...today we have been talking many times it seems like about judges, they seem to be taking a little beating in here today. But the other thing is, again here, we're talking about children from the cradle up to their 18 years of age, probably. And I think you should put yourself into the role of that child that is battered back and forth between the agencies, foster homes, courts and so on and try to remember that that is what we're talking about, that trauma that the child goes through every time a change is made. One of my questions about what Senator Wesely said, and I asked this in all good faith, if a child needs psychiatric help and the court says they need psychiatric help and places them in a psychiatric atmosphere, would not the department do the same thing? That's a rhetorical question, you don't have to answer, Senator Wesely. I surely hope that the department would get psychiatric help for the child that needs it, someone who is on drugs or whatever the problem is. The other couple of things I'd like to mention, some of the people who appeared for this bill I have great respect for, Father Val Peter from Boys Town who certainly has a knowledge of children who need help; Topher Hansen, a young, local lawyer whom I've known since high school, and he is an advocate for children and people in general, and I have great respect for this young man and his feelings about people. I notice that the department did oppose it, but the Foster Care Review Board was for it, and ever since the Foster Care Review Board was...had been established DSS, for some reason, has resisted that. I have the feeling they don't want to be reviewed. So I do feel strongly that we should keep in mind that it's the children that we are thinking about. The other thing about members of bureaus, and they all work very hard, we have caseworkers who I know are burned out because they do have