

with it. And if the county wants to do anything, they wind up with a very expensive tab but they also have burned out every foster home in the area. They have also gone away with a lot of resources. I like the idea of your panel, the problem is that's the reason we have the Foster Care Review Board and that's what the Foster Care Review Board basically comes in and looks at those problem areas. And, Senator Smith, I think that we have that in placement. We have a very good Foster Care Review Board in this state. Now they don't look at every case. They only look at the problem cases. I think what you would have is some duplication with your amendment with the Foster Care Review Board. I think we would find that cumbersome.

SENATOR SMITH: Well, I first thought of the Department...I mean, of the Foster Care Review Board but I didn't think that it worked in that same capacity, plus the fact it would not be as...I would want an independent group. We have local Foster Care Review Boards and the other thing is I would just ask you this question if you don't mind. Could the Department of Social Services, can they make a state...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...can it become...can they put it back to the county? Can they...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Sure.

SENATOR SMITH: ...can the Department of Social Services do that?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Sure. What they will do is they will come in and say, look we can't...we can no longer provide services to this juvenile. We just...we're done, there's nothing we can do. There's not a foster home we can send him to, there's not an institution we can send him to and...

SENATOR SMITH: I don't think I asked that right.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...we send them back to you. If you, the judge, want to make those placements, you go ahead and that. The problem is that the judge is going to look across the table to the county attorney and say, well, do you...you know, what do you want to do? And that's a real tough decision. Most of those counties aren't in a position, financially, to do it