

because all their local resources have been basically frittered away. And it's a large concern. That's the reason Senator Coordsen's bill is so good. And I think it takes that unbridled power away from the Department of Social Services and I'm very concerned about the way the department has operated and continues to operate with their attitude. They will work as long as it's a fairly good case...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, Senator Smith, would you yield to a question, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Smith, would you respond?

SENATOR SMITH: Oh, I'm sorry. Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Smith, would you consider pulling your amendment? We can straighten the situation out, write an amendment that will be acceptable and then offer it on Select File so we can advance this bill and go ahead.

SENATOR SMITH: Absolutely. That's exactly what I was just standing here discussing. I realize there is some confusion on it (interruption).

SENATOR HABERMAN: If you will...then you're offering to...

SENATOR SMITH: I will withdraw my amendment and offer it again on Select in a revised way, if I can, if it's possible to do that. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Thank you, Senator Smith. It's withdrawn. I didn't say you were, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Oh.

SPEAKER BARRETT: I don't think there is anything more to say on the amendment and that's where we were, for discussion purposes. You have just negotiated a masterful stroke. Now we're back to