

word dispositional is not going to show up in here, and that is not what this amendment does. It doesn't allow them to come in at the time of disposition, but allows them to come in at review hearings, and that is really the intent of what we're doing here. Through this amendment of Senator Hartnett and myself I think we've solved some of the problems of being too broad for the State Foster Care Review Board. You should have this amendment that has been passed out to you. It does not have a bill drafter's number on it or anything, but it's one that is just out with our initials on it. I want to go through briefly with you what it does. You can follow along in the original bill for these page numbers and so on, the green copy. We're going to replace the original language that is on page 3 and lines 5 to 11, and insert this new section. This would allow them to come in for review hearings only. And then the section that this deals with is in subsection (3) of our amendment. The things that we're going to add in here that the review hearings are going to be on the record, allow the State Foster Care Review Board to come in with their counsel and cross-examine people, call witnesses and get all of their reports and recommendations into the court. Up until this time there has been some real concerns and problems with making sure everything they had got into the record, in other words they could make a recommendation to the county attorney or to the court, but if they didn't have a lawyer there to introduce it into evidence, that stuff could just sit on the judges desk and never get into the record. What we want to make sure happens is that their recommendations are at least considered by the court, and that is the main brunt of these amendments in this bill, is to give these people the authority to participate in review hearings. The major changes occur on subsection 3 here of the amendment on the first page. The other parts just clean it up and make it consistent throughout. I'd be happy to answer any questions, but this is a compromise worked out between the County Attorneys Association and the State Foster Care Review Board. I've gone through it, I think it is what we really want to get to, and that is the authority of the Foster Care Review Board to come in and have their recommendations heard, considered and, if things are going wrong, they have the power to ask for a review hearing. That is something they've not had in the past. It's...Carol Stitt and her group does a fantastic job. One of the things that we look at, though, as an institution is some day the present individuals may not be there. And what are we going to do when someone else comes in? This narrows it down a little bit, but really gets to the heart of what the problem