

time will have been too late, too late. Are things happening and going wrong? You bet they are.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: I hope you took a look at your Foster Care Review Board annual report. The case listed on your executive summary was Sara, Sue and Sasha, (phonetic) 9, 5 and 2, placed in foster care in '86, left unattended for extended periods of times, numerous CPS referrals by school officials because they were not only dirty, but had head lice. When they were examined, they had...aware of alcohol abuse in the family as well as sexual abuse. They had been in foster care, but there are deeply disturbing indicators of abuse in the home. The children remain in the home, and even though there have been attempts at intervention by the Attorney General's Office, these children remain in this home with no actions filed against the father although there has been a pervasive evidence of sexual abuse and limited services being accepted by the family. We are overloaded in our system because we do not spend enough money on kids. Our Select Committee chaired by Sandy Scofield will tell you clearly that our services are fragmented, there is no organized planning for children in this state, we need to move to that, but most importantly, the intervention most critical...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...in their well-being is the stoppage of criminal child abuse by the intervention of our overworked CPS staff. This bill could not be more important than what it is. This is a critical, fundamental decision. I hope it doesn't get lost on a sleepy Tuesday afternoon.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, please, followed by Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd rise to oppose advancing the bill. You may anticipate I'm going to say here my opposition rests in the 2.3 million or the additional five or 600,000 federal funds that the bill authorizes to be replaced with General Funds. That, however, is not my objection. My objection rests in the fact that we will place into statute a standard which is set by a couple, at least two, or other national organizations over which we have no control as to what those standards are going to be. Also, when