

interdisciplinary training approach and so we create this program. Under the current draft of the bill, we still house this with the Center for the Children, Family and Law at the University of Nebraska. Some of you have had individuals speak to you about concerns about placing it there and I'm convinced that there is not a full understanding of how we envision this working. I see that as a clearing house process. They, frankly, don't have the staff to do all of the training, but we need somebody to make sure that the trainers out in the communities get trained and that the right kinds of training resources are brought to bear to help these communities address whatever needs they identify. I don't know if you've ever been involved with a community trying to dream up a solution to a problem, but sometimes it's very, very hard to pick the right one and then decide, is this going to make a difference? Professional training activities will be invaluable. As I said, there is some disagreement yet about whether that actually should be housed at the way we have it and also should the same entity do the evaluation to the program. I'm still listening to people who have brought those concerns. You'll notice on the bill, when it was first heard, there is an impressive list of supporters. Father Peter and his social workers opposed the bill and it was based on their concern about the training and evaluation piece. What I would like to propose, and I've talked to all the people just within the last day that are involved in this, is that rather than get this thing involved in a logjam at this point, I'd like to ask you to help me move the bill today and then I'm going to pull everybody in a room and simply sit on the bill until everybody understands and agrees exactly how this process is going to work and I do have an amendment drafted, incidentally, that would simply change where that is housed and that may be what the right solution is. But I want everybody to look at that so that everybody really does understand how it's going to function. This is quite a complex procedure and if you're going to do meaningful training and meaningful evaluation and not get caught up in a turf battle, I think everybody has to sign off on it and really understand how it is going to work. So I will give you my commitment that the bill will not go past Select until we resolve that particular question. It is, I think, largely, a technical question and some failure to communicate and some forgetting over the summer perhaps of where we've been, and so I'm sure that we all want the same things and we can resolve that. But those are basically the four major points that you need to know that the bill accomplishes. I have also visited with the Governor's person, Karen Stevens, and I