

indicated where you try to put together a network of families that support each other and you know yourself we don't have those extended families like we used to. So that might be a better example. And, no, I do not anticipate the building of a school based clinic out of this kind of activity.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Senator Scofield. Well, I do have some deep concerns and between now and Select File I will be looking at it very closely, but the fact that any nonprofit group or organization can apply for a grant and have a referral service and, I believe you all know what I'm talking about. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, LB 662 brings back a lot of memories to me, the number anyway. This bill is not the 662 that we all recall having quite a time over and I think Senator Landis or somebody wants to talk about certain bill numbers ought to be retired like certain jerseys, like jersey number 20 for Johnny Rogers and 662 may, first glance, have you a little concerned, but let me tell you that this is a piece of legislation that, hopefully, will wipe out some of those other memories that weren't as pleasant over the fight over that other LB 662 because what this one does is recognize the problem that leads to the sort of things we talked about earlier this week when we talked about caseworkers. We have, as I said before, between seven and 8,000 cases of child abuse reported a year, four to 5,000 substantiated and many more cases out there we don't even know about and, frankly, we shouldn't, hopefully, have anywhere close to that number, we shouldn't have any of these cases at all. And the only way I can see that we can actually get at that problem is through the sort of thing Senator Scofield is talking about with 662. We've got to intervene early on. We've got to identify these problems before they get to the point that we need a child protective custody worker coming out there, before we need to take that child out of the home and put in foster care. We need to spot those issues, those problems. We need to intervene and help those families because, by and large, you're just going to find that the love of a family is irreplaceable in most cases despite the terrible things that can happen, there is that bonding that occurs. And if we can somehow allow people to understand their problems, to cope with their problems and not escalate to the point where they hurt their children and where they hurt their