

SENATOR SMITH: And I can summarize that down after meeting with them in three main issues. One of them is what they feel to be a conflict regarding the provisions which are made for not only the training, but also for the evaluation that would go on through that center that we're talking about which is being proposed and that we need some kind of resolution there because they feel that's a kind of...that would be a conflict, and I think I tend to agree with them on that. The second issue is they feel that if we ended up putting into the bill the fact that there would be one center that would have the responsibility for, giving the illusion that they had the responsibility for training services, that what we could actually effect in the state, given the track record of some of the different departments and agencies of the state, is that they would then shrink from their responsibility that they presently bear which is for training, that we don't want to see a loss of training which should be going on that they are now providing that has to be integrated some way, and I think you've already talked about their cooperation and coordination efforts. And, thirdly, that they feel that they have a real concern that the training center that we're talking about in the bill being a new one really is an untried institution, if you want to call it that at this point in time, and that maybe that is not quite the appropriate way to go and, again, that's something that we're going to have to hash out. But they also have a concern about the funding source for the center, given the way it is written. So those are issues that I'd like to have you discuss a little bit more if you would. You can take the rest of my time. I know your light is on next and if you need more time, I'll put my light back on again for you, and that's really all I have. I just wanted to raise this on their behalf. Thank you.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Senator Smith, and I'm glad you raised those and I may need my time as well, but I appreciate your raising those because I want the people behind the glass today who are child advocates to feel assured that we have heard their concerns and that we are addressing them. I think what's happened here is over the summer some of this has not continued as smoothly as we'd like if people go home and things don't get done and these issues have been there and continue to be there and I think if we can get this over to Select, then you have my word we will sit down with everybody under one roof and make sure that we all know high this is going to function and that everybody understands clearly how it is going to be. It's