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PRESIDENT: ...which one do you wish to have...

SENATOR SMITH: Well, I'll talk to Senator Scofield, I guess.

PRESIDENT: Okay.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Scofield, under the provisions of this piece of legislation, what would she have as staff?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: We are giving her a partial staff person in this bill,...

SENATOR SMITH: Yeah.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: ...which may not be enough, as time goes on, but again recognizing what our financial constraints are right now. The other thing that Karen has been effective at, with the Governor's support,...

SENATOR SMITH: Now, wait a minute, Sandy, I want to continue on this...

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Okay.

SENATOR SMITH: ...because my concern is that I don't really see her as comparable to a head of a Department of Social Services, or a head of the Department of Public Institutions, or the Department of Health. I don't know if either one of you can tell me, but they have a large number of staff that they supervise, and a lot of areas of responsibility that they deal with, not just one particular area which deals with family policy.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Right.

SENATOR SMITH: And so I can't, at this point in time I don't think that I'm supportive of that amendment, unless you can give me a better reason than what you just gave us for being...the reason for making her have to be confirmed by the Legislature. Are there other, forgetting these, because I don't see them as comparable, are there other appointments that she makes or I guess hiring in this case because they are paid, people that are directors of like offices where there is either no staff or maybe one or two people that deal with a specific topic of concern?