

summarized. Again, we all know about the increasing kinds of concerns we have for children that are going into foster situations, and the numbers of placements and replacements that these kids are going through. And we feel that very strongly the numbers of replacements that those kids go through, being replaced into another situation, from one situation to another is a very negative kind of thing for them. And, if we can do anything to decrease that number of I guess I call it displacement to another situation, I think we should be doing that. And we really are very, very hopeful that some of these problems could better be addressed if these parents, that are really, really at a very, very low pay, being giving of themselves for the care of these children, could have some kind of training which could help to help them be able to deal with their problems better, to cope, we would lessen the burn-out rate, and hopefully we would lower the numbers of those who decide to get out of that situation, and in the end assist the kids the most that we possibly can. Are you about ready? All right.

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith, I understand we have an amendment to your amendment.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to amend the Smith amendment. On page 3, line 22, strike "may" and insert "shall".

PRESIDENT: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I've already spoken to the amendment. It just would make sure that the...that the parents will be reimbursed for that. And, if for some reason, there would be a shortfall or some other thing would happen, that the department would still have to pay and/or come up with a deficit appropriation, I suspect. With that, I move the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith, did you wish to speak about that?

SENATOR SMITH: I'd just say again to the people that might be listening in here, I'm supportive of that concept. It does...we have...it does say "may" in the bill. The money that is