

SENATOR SCOFIELD: It was, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Directed to Senator Haberman?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Would that...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Would you respond?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: ...would you be agreeable to do that, Senator Haberman, since we've got some people here saying, I've got problems in my area, could we put some more specificity into this and, frankly, look at the dollar figure?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Senator Scofield, quite frankly, I'm afraid it will get lost if you put it on a statewide basis. This...to me, it has to be an outside, somebody outside of the system. We take it one step at a time. If we take on the whole state and the whole system, I am afraid, Senator Scofield, we are going to run into so much bureaucracy and so much cover-up that we won't get the job done.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: I share your concern about that and I guess my point is somehow you target this study to look at, and I don't think it is a bad idea that you are bringing to us to look at one area. I will bet some of the problems you are seeing in your area would overlap into mine, but I guess I am saying if we just kind of toss 50,000 out here and say we are going to go buy a consultant, we should have some very specific questions in there that we want answered, and I would be most interested in working with you on this between now and Select and nailing that down so that you and I don't continue to be as frustrated as we both are right now. And I would be willing to work with you on that if you are receptive to that. I will give you the rest of my time if you want to comment on that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: About a minute, Senator.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I have one of these letters written by an attorney. This man has been the county attorney for two years. He received a letter from the old county attorney, whose name is Guy, and he said Guy brought a letter down yesterday, dated this month, December of '89, addressed to him as county attorney. Now for two years the Social Services didn't know that we had a new county attorney. The letter stated that a case has been