

Senator Chizek's amendment. I think you have to understand that the bill itself has changed quite a bit from what we brought in...what was brought in to the committee and, in a sense, because we combined three bills together. The Franklin Committee came before our committee and stated that there were some specific problems. The committee was not privy to the information as to what particular problems this...these three bills would solve, but it did talk about the problem that we've been having in this state in general terms. Now the three portions of the bill for you to understand deal with three different areas. The first deals with the immunity that can be granted to an individual that testifies in behalf of a special committee of the Legislature. The second part, which I feel is probably the most extensive and probably the most important when it comes to the Franklin Credit Union controversy, involves the question of extension of the statute of limitations involving crimes against children. And by extending the statute of limitations for crimes against children, it provides enough flexibility for prosecutors to fully prosecute and, hopefully, convict individuals that have been involved in these types of crimes against children. And the third area deals with the training and the support that some county attorneys need throughout this state. Now, what we found was that some county attorneys have excellent systems of training their county...deputy county attorneys when it comes to questions of crimes against children. And some county attorneys are doing an excellent job throughout the state. But when you have 92 counties, you find that some of the county attorneys have problems in dealing with the prosecution of crimes against children. And it's no surprise, really, because for the most part county attorneys, in most counties, don't deal with that many crimes against children. And, so when you're dealing with this specialized area, a lot of them do not have the expertise that is needed for successful prosecution and conviction of these individuals. It's a very specialized area. So the committee felt that with additional funding for these county attorneys this training would be helpful in the future, and I stress in the future because I think when we're talking about the entire Franklin Credit Union problem we're looking at it from the perspective of prosecutions that are taking place at the current time, and in particular the federal level. So, this third area was more of a future help against individuals that commit these types of crimes and to help the county attorneys deal with these particular problems. For that particular reason those three areas the committee felt that it was good at least,