

services that would help children that was never envisioned to go this direction. And, in fact, as I pointed out the last time, the requirements, the hoops that communities have to go through to submit a grant on this, and if you refer to the bill, refer to the Final Reading copy of the bill on page 13, 12 and 13, in terms of what the grant proposals have to go through, there is a very important line in there that says, "The degree to which the proposed service shall be integrated into the community and coordinated with existing community resources and services and has to have the support of the community;" was the point I have been making all along. If there is a service offered that is controversial in the community as the services that Senator Labeledz fears are controversial, I don't think any community is going to even allow that to pass the initial hurdle.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: And so I think intentionally or unintentionally what the language that was adopted into this risks denying money to communities to go out there and address the problems that we all know that kids and families have. And, personally, I just don't think it is worth the risk to leave this language in there. It is not worth the risk to deny money to communities to do a whole range of worthwhile activities, and I think to leave the language in there may, in fact, lead to who knows. Look at the problems we had with LB 247 with the AG pursuing that, with one agency refusing to carry that out in the whole rule and reg making process. The bottom line here is we are about to avoid a great opportunity to put money out in the communities to do a whole range of worthwhile things here. I think we ought to not take risks with that money. I don't think Senator Labeledz's fears are well-grounded here and I guess you are making a choice here. Do you want to try to do something right for kids or families...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: ...or do you want to deny communities opportunities to address their own problems by placing this whole bill at risk? Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, I don't