

going to have to on each claim pay \$50 yourself. You are going to have to eat \$50 of that, of the deductible, but we are going to cover the rest of the thing to try to get parents involved in foster care. Now Senator Moore does kind of an interesting thing, and he does it quite well. There is a tact here I am trying to develop more and to become as expert as Scott. You find the weakest point, and you go ahead and attack that point, and make it sound like it is incredibly weak, it is so vulnerable, the whole thing is going to fall apart, and it is well done, Scott. I think you did very, very well, and the weakest point was that it might need statutory authority to do so. Let me talk about that, and Senator Wesely, I think, did a good job on that. Number one, Senator Moore would agree he doesn't know any better than I do at this point whether it does or not. That is number one that we can point out. But, number two, in regards to Social Services, the statutes are so broad that in the judgment of the Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee and the judgment of the legal counsel of the committee, and judgment of other people working in foster care, that it is such a broad statutory authority that Social Services has, that it is clearly, in our opinion, no difficulty, whatsoever, for us to allow Social Services the money to do what it is they could already do. In other words, in our judgment, it does not need statutory authority. If on the other hand, if on the other hand Senator Moore might be correct and to say that it might possibly need statutory authority, still nothing is harmed, because people would come back and say, oops, good try, good effort. You really can't do that and we wouldn't be able to do that, and we would have to come back with LB 169, in its form where it is now, pick it up on General File and maybe next year then actually have the statutory authority. We think this, in this particular case, it is worth the risk. It is a good risk. It is not anything that legally is going to get anyone in trouble, and it does do something in foster care for the parents that desperately needs to be done. And, again, what it is, in summary, this amendment would allow Social Services to pay for liability and damage insurance for foster care parents. There would be a \$250 deductible, or at least that is how the companies have currently, that underwrite these programs, have their policies set up of which of that \$250 deductible the state would pick up the first \$200 of that, the parent would have to pick up at least 50. That is fair. It is equitable, and it says to foster care parents, if there is horror stories you have heard about, if you are afraid to get involved because of what might happen, don't worry, we are there with you, and I urge the