

SENATOR AVERY: ...I guess from the history of it and in talking to Foster Care, there has always been a number of employees, when there is a job opening, applying for those positions.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yeah, but you are not talking about applications from the outside here. You are talking about transferring employees.

SENATOR AVERY: What I am saying is I believe that there may be a number of employees that will want to transfer.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay, I'll leave that then for a second, and, you know, accept that that may be true, although I think that maybe it may not be true either, Senator Avery, and then I don't know what you do because this simply talks about transfers. It doesn't provide for any other circumstances. The second thing I would like to address, and it doesn't really go to my amendment but it does go to this whole section, and it is the part two, paragraph 2, that talks about the transition period from September 1, '95 to July '96, and it says representatives from the department and the state board shall meet on a regular basis to ensure that all children in foster care receive periodic reviews, and I think that...that's something we would like to have happen. However, I think that, you know, I'm...I'm skeptical that there is not going to be some hard feelings over all of this, and I'm...and I don't know but what we are setting up a prescription here for a less than perfect scenario to meet the needs of these children, and I'm...that does concern me, but my main...my main concern with this amendment is that, first of all, I don't think that there is enough clarity in the language here, so that we know what happens on the transfer, and in another instance I think there is too much clarity because...because it says they must be volunteers, and I don't know that you are going to get volunteers. And so with that, I would just suggest that we say in this section that there will be transfers and that they shall retain all their employee benefits and leave it either for an amendment on Select File to more clearly delineate what is going to happen here, or leave it up to the departments, which I don't think would be a very good idea, of providing how this will happen. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Jones wishes to announce that the following guests are visiting the Legislature today, students, teacher, sponsor, and parents from