

SENATOR LANDIS: On the other hand, apparently this stage is being used to discuss much more than just the amendment, because at this point everybody agrees to the amendment and we still want to talk about it. So if that is the issue, then let's get to the heart of the issue and that is DSS and Foster Care Review Board, do we want to, I think flip-flop was the word that Senator Hillman used in this case? My answer is emphatically, yes, we do. I was here 14 years ago when the Foster Care Review Board was created, and when we asked DSS how many kids they had, DSS could not tell us and guess the number by which they were off between their estimate and the number we had? Ten, no. A hundred, no. A thousand. We had a thousand children that this state was responsible for that our DSS could not tell us who and where they were, which is why we created the Foster Care Review Board. Do I want to flip-flop between a process that could be that out of control and the Foster Care Review Board, which has a long career of very fine service, I...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...absolutely do in a heartbeat. I want to vote for 642...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...because I want to flip-flop. This is a higher quality review and we should do it as soon as we can across as far as the field of as many kids as we can; 642 is a good idea.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you. I've gone down to four minutes and thirty seconds I assume because of Senator Landis's short minute closing. I'll see if I can get mine in. In a heartbeat, I will vote against this bill without any hesitation, without any problems whatsoever, because it does not solve any of the problems that Senator Landis and I are trying to have...have tried to solve in the past, and will continue to try to solve on the case reviews. In fact, it muddies up the water and makes it worse. And we could get into all of the reasons why DSS was unable to identify the students, in fact on the Medicaid, remember, Senator Landis, we had a Medicaid proposal