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Senator Avery, when we talk about this issue, if you'd respond to the question. First of all, on this section of the proposal, Section 1, we are talking about transferring employees. Where did the figure of five employees in the first year and five employees in the second year come from? How did we get to that number?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Avery.

SENATOR AVERY: Senator Hall, currently, DSS has 11 1/2 employees doing their internal reviews...

SENATOR HALL: Correct.

SENATOR AVERY: ...which they have said that they are wanting to phase out. In taking that...

SENATOR HALL: Now, Senator Avery, do they want to phase those out regardless of what happens in this proposal?

SENATOR AVERY: Well, the last that...the proposals that they have had, they wanted, that was a policy decision, they wanted to phase that out, even without my understanding even without this, but we'll...I guess that's for them to answer, and you might want to ask them. The process in terms of putting together the boards that these employees would work with is a process that is going to take some time to develop...

SENATOR HALL: Where's...

SENATOR AVERY: ...that's why I said we were going to take half of them.

SENATOR HALL: So what would happen, for example, if we use your analogy and we say that there is five employees the first year, even though DSS wants to eliminate eleven, do those six, six and a half, rather, do they get laid off and do we then pick five additional employees up someplace else who may or may not have experience within DSS, if that's what is needed, even though on the one hand we want to change the DSS system so badly in a heartbeat we are willing to take their employees who do that actual job and move them over to a different system?

SENATOR AVERY: We have...