

mislead the body on his statements on the 11...on the 11 people. They are not in the process now of saying that they don't want the 11 people. They are not saying now they could do away with the 11 people. They are not saying that at all, period. They are not. What was happening, during the interim one of the discussion points that was brought out in the task force was there is a possibility that we might be able to use the review that the court does, and if that review would count for the six months review that the department needed to do, that would free up then some of their case people so that they can do some of the things that they have been unable to do with these kids, maybe improve the hot line, maybe do a lot of other things that they...that we've been saying they got to do, but they're, you know, they're money short and people short, they haven't been able to do it. So there was in discussion at some point that if they could get the court could do, to have that count for some reviews so they can maintain the federal dollars, they would be able to use some of those, some of the 11 people, and then with that, Senator Hall, they would then use some of those people to do a random sampling of the other areas so that we could make sure that all of the things are going as best as possible. All of that was in the discussions. All of those things were potential things we might have been able to do until this bill came, and this bill just simply throws away every ounce and every idea that we had on cooperation, on working together between agencies and boards. All of the things that we were making headway on in a very difficult area goes out the window with this bill. And so I want to emphasize to the body there are no 11 people just hanging out there that they are going to get rid of anyway, so we are going to slide it over, and it is not going to make any difference. Social Services is short on people. Mark my words, if this bill were passed, there would, at some point, if no one volunteered or some people volunteered, or all of them volunteered, there would have to be a replacement for those people in Social Services because the need is so great and they are so people short. And so it is not going to be cost free. These things are never cost free, and so we should take that argument off of the...off of the table at this point because it simply is a moot point. The Schimek amendment, even though I support the amendment, there is still some strong concerns I have on how that portion is written, and to me, I mean there are mistakes that can be made, but this first part is so blatantly unclear that I am almost hesitant to go back and reread some of the other areas. Who is going to make that decision? What happens if they don't volunteer? What are the