

work that they did for us. Along with that we found out what other states were doing. Along with the other thing, about a study, I don't think a study is necessary charge with coming up with a solution. It may come up with a map or some kind of outline as to what you can do to solve the problems that are evident. And when you say this hasn't had enough attention, it had a hearing, which is our system, and at that hearing most of the people who came testified for this bill. If you look at the hearing list there were only three people against it, one was the deputy from DSS, that's a natural thing, a judge from Sidney, I don't know why he came, and another man whom I can't identify, only three people against it. Over the years, and Senator Landis said it, I can't say it the way he...he has such a sense of dramatic timing that I wouldn't even begin to try to come up to what he said, but he said it all. Later on I'm going to get a copy of what he said so I can use it during the year when I need to, because he stated the whole thing. From day one, in 1982, when this bill was passed and Foster Care Review came into being DSS has been against it, Social Services does not want it. It's a turf fight between the pros. And there are many of the professionals who want it to work on both sides, it's a professional rivalry that's very difficult for anyone to come along and try to solve the problems between the professionals. But may I say, and this is what I said in the one meeting when we had in the study committee, it seemed to me all we were thinking about were, would the professionals be happy and would this work for them and would the computer system on one side be okay? Who cares? I don't care. What we want to care about, and don't say that I shouldn't say this because I'm going to, is the children, the children are the ones that we should be thinking about, not whether we get the credit for doing the review, either side. Now I work with the people that I say...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...are in the business. The foster care parents, some of them who have been in for 30 years, they know what goes on and they are the ones that I listen to, because they can tell me. And David Landis said it, when we first started DSS didn't even know how many children were in the system. The last thing I'll say is I will never vote for it to be a code agency because that gives the Governor the opportunity to appoint the director and then, and this particular Governor loves to do this, try to fold it in to Social Services. That