

promise not to take too long, but I just have a couple of questions. And, Senator Hall, could you tell me again, these eleven and a half employees we keep talking about, they are employed as permanency plan review specialists, is that correct?

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President and members, I have no idea, Senator Schimek, and that's kind of what I'm trying to find out. I thought if I went in and carved out a few numbers and...now what could really happen is Senator Landis could stand up and say, we take four and we're on our way, and I'll be shut out again and the amendment will be adopted. (Laugh.) But I'm really looking for an answer to the question on how this system is going to work. I don't know where those eleven and a half people are. I don't know if they're going to be replaced. My understanding is they do fit that...they are in that review capacity that you talked about, and that's the reason for the transfer. But there's a legitimate question as to whether or not, if this is a turf battle, that they are going to be removed and they're not going to be replaced. That's the reason for raising this amendment, so we can talk specifically about this issue and hopefully get some solid answers.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay, thank you. Then I'd like to ask Senator Avery, just so that I have the facts straight here, Senator Avery.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Avery, Senator Schimek has a question, if you'd respond.

SENATOR AVERY: Yes, yes, I'll (inaudible).

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Avery, I want to make clear that I understand here, these eleven and a half employees that we keep talking about, are they...are they all permanency plan review specialists? Is that who those eleven and a half employees are?

SENATOR AVERY: To my knowledge there's ten review specialists, one supervisor and a...I...I...the half-time person may be a clerical, I don't know that.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: So, basically, your original thought here was just to lock, stock and barrel, transfer all of those employees, is that accurate?

SENATOR AVERY: Not all of them. I looked at ten...in the idea