

addressed by this amendment, is an orderly way to do it. Now, to go ahead to other parts and other amendments that will be offered, I also believe...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...and it's really refreshing to agree with Senator Chambers and Senator Crosby this afternoon, this review process should be maintained independently. And remember that the Foster Care Review Board covers far more children than the Department of Social Services has responsibility for. It's independence, its ability to do a good job is why it has support, not only from the members of the committee that forward it, but I think from the debate that you've heard on this floor today.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members. There are so many issues in this bill that I don't know where to start. I guess I could start by saying that I agree with Senator Chambers in that the consideration here should be for the child. And I couldn't agree with that more, being a former foster parent, that's one of the reasons I became interested in the Foster Care Review Board because I was a foster parent for a good many years for teenage daughters. And so that was a concern. Problems that there has been in DSS in looking at working with children placed outside of the home, to me that was one of the reasons the Foster Care Review Board was originated in the first place. It was implemented, it was brought to the Legislature and agreed upon that it would have a random citizen review. Now I know that in the original legislation it was to look at the fact that Foster Care Review Board could review every single case. As it went along and the original appropriation didn't begin to cover that, it never has, it was my contention on Appropriations Committee, one of the reasons we wanted the study was because the Legislature was never going to look at fully funding Foster Care Review Board to do a complete citizen study of everyone. A random study would basically tell us, I think, what it is when there were problems and how they would come up. I know it wasn't every one of them, but a random study would point out a lot. And it was necessary, I felt, that that be done. What we have...basically Senator Avery's bill now says is that DSS will do the random study and that Foster Care will do the whole thing, which I'm sure you're aware of. Another point that I