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parasite without killing the department, so they will stay there forever. As long as you have dead wood, as long as you have those old entrenched people who know how to undermine and cut the ground from under any new person, we're going to continue having problems with DSS. This is an opportunity, under this bill, to rescue and salvage one area of activity from them and make it possible that these children will have their interest properly seen after. I don't know how I feel exactly...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...about Hall's amendment, but I assure Hall that Oats is looking and listening and thinking.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, I just wanted to ask a couple questions. I'm trying to get my bearings on this a little bit. Maybe, Senator Avery, I should direct them to you. With respect to part one of the amendment, I'm having trouble figuring out how I can vote for that. Now that the Schimek amendment has been adopted, which as I understand it has stricken basically lines 7 through 11, and whether you're transferring ten employees or eight employees now, as I understand it, they could transfer janitors if they wanted to. And is that accurate?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Avery.

SENATOR AVERY: In...in...

SENATOR BEUTLER: I mean there's now nothing in there that says what kind of employees they need to transfer. Is that...isn't that accurate?

SENATOR AVERY: That would be accurate. My hope would be that we work together between now and Select File and clarify the process. There has been other situations where employees have been transferred from one agency to the other and the process is spelled out.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So if we're clarifying for Select File, it doesn't make much difference whether we just strike the first part of the amendment, it doesn't make much difference what we do at this point, I suppose. Let me ask you this, I was trying