

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Well, with these volunteers they were doing 60 percent of the cases, now they're going to have all of the people that DSS had to do 100 percent of the cases, is that...plus the volunteer boards. Is that fair?

SENATOR AVERY: Not accurate, I don't think that's quite accurate because presently the review process in DSS isn't available to the public or individual, it's an internal review, and that's where the problem... There's still...I think the figure is about 10 percent of the kids that do not get plans, permanency plans they found. And the review process is to make sure...

SENATOR BEUTLER: But they found this by doing the reviews that...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...they are....

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Dierks, you're next.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I, too, am a member of the Health Committee and I was one of those who helped put this legislation out to the floor. I've...my major concern, of course, has been spoken both by Senator Hillman and by Senator Crosby, is that we had children in this state who were not being reviewed. I thought that that was inexcusable. I think that sampling, that's been suggested as a possible solution, would not take care of my problem. My problem is that I think that every kid ought to be, every child should be reviewed. I think that we are to that point now, I don't think there's any reason for us to back off from that. I would certainly think that with the respect that I have developed for the Foster Care Review Board people in my district, in my area, they have a real sense of duty, they've been well accepted. I've got no bad reports from them, I think they do an excellent job. And so I'm supporting the bill by Senator Avery in hopes that we can do a turnaround on the way that the children in this state have been reviewed, and make sure that all of them do have this review. I think it's cruel to allow them not to be reviewed. Perhaps you may have difficulties with the way this legislation is drafted, I don't, I think it does what we asked it to do. And like many other pieces of legislation, we come back in years to follow and