

and I had been led to believe that people in Congress were kind of timid, milquetoast and so forth, and he was really chopping lumber. And then the camera panned around and there was not anybody in the room except him. And there wasn't even anybody behind the camera, they put it on automatic pilot so he was the only one there. But you'll notice there are times when I will draw out the discussion. But at times like this when our numbers are few, I'm still here because I think the issue is important. Senator Wesely mentioned the possibility of federal sanctions if these reviews are not conducted in a way that meets federal requirements. Well because DSS has dropped the ball so many times in finding federal funds which would match various state activities, the state has entered this contract with Maximus giving away an unconscionable amount of money, so already the detriment of leaving things to DSS has shown itself and it is costing the state dearly. So I don't think that's the reason to be against this bill. But what I wanted to ask somebody is whether or not that random DSS review, which is included in the bill, is even necessary, or is that just icing on the cake like the language that Senator Bernard-Stevens mentioned about the board being fiscally responsible for any federal sanctions. Senator Beutler and I were talking about it, Senator Schimek had looked at it, and it's hard to even see what that language would mean, if it has any meaning. So it would not have to stay in the bill. And I think as we work our way through this there are other changes we would make in the language. Senator Wesely was of the mind that we should do this kind of discussing or this should occur in the committee. Now I think it's happening where it needs to occur. Those of us on the floor who will vote a policy change should participate in the developmental discussion that leads to the policy decision which ultimately results. I wouldn't want to have to rely on members of the Health Committee or any special committee trying to relate to me everything that took place during the discussion. This has been helpful to me. I agree with Senator Bernard-Stevens that a problem could arise if we did not transfer all these employees at one time. I don't believe that you would be able to have the Department of Social Services and the...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...thank you, Madam President, and the Foster Care Review Board working together pursuant to a statutory mandate. You'd have a better chance of having peace between