

included in that where there's going to have to be someone hired or someone there that is able to do that with that training. So I have to agree with some of the other senators that have gotten up. There's lots of problems in this legislation and I think we better be real sure what we're doing before we pass this legislation. I would love to see us continue to work and see if we could do some pilot projects and continue to try and get the two agencies to cooperate maybe a little better than they have in the past. We were on the road to doing that. We made a start. I'm sorry that we had to take these steps back and hope maybe we can get back in that position. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Hillman and Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I have discussed this with a number of you and a number of you have discussed it with me. There has been a broader base of discussants on this issue than on many that we've had before so I think it shows a genuine interest, a genuine concern about this matter, and I say again, I think it's appropriate that we all have the opportunity to join in the discussion. There are parts of the bill that I'm going to strike because I don't know that they're really essential to what we're doing and it's just to kind of alert you to it. One of the things that I would like to remove is that part that has the Department of Social Services doing any random reviews. There is no need for that at all. We don't need to have extra employees at DSS unsure about what they're going to do and the extent of their involvement. So if that is stricken, I don't see that it will hurt the bill at all. In addition to that, Senator Bernard-Stevens has some language that will make substantive changes but I think it will clean up what it is that we're dealing with. It will streamline this process and we will have, in a manageable form, what it is that is likely to form the engine to bring about this change that we're talking about. I have listened to those who have reservations about the bill and I can understand that. I'm inclined to support the bill but, Senator Day, skewering me with her eyes, I have to say this, I wish this were one of those times when I could say I am absolutely sure or sure to a moral certitude that this is going to work the way that I hope it will work. As Senator Wesely pointed out, there may be different ways to get to where we want to arrive but what is going on now is not satisfactory, in my opinion. I have restrained myself from making all out attacks upon DSS for the way they have