

bungled certain things because I think enough members are familiar with cases of that kind and this is not going to be one of those when I spend most of my time criticizing DSS. I only want to make enough critical statements so that you can see that I have a reason for being dissatisfied enough with how they're...thank you, with how they're functioning to seek a change. The only other game in town, looking at Senator Hall and knowing his affinity with wait...well, they call it gaming, the only other game in town is the Foster Care Review Board. If we are concerned about the fact that they're not a code agency but they will have state employees, we can provide a mechanism for oversight. I don't see that as the most serious problem at all. The real question is whether we're going to make the policy decision to put the Foster Care Review Board into the saddle. That's what I'm willing to do. We have stumbled and fumbled and bumbled along with DSS for all of these years. We are at a point where most of us are acknowledging that DSS has not done the job that needed to be done. Whenever a radical change is going to be put in place I think it causes people's knees to get a little shaky, it causes their back to get a little weak and their palms may even become moist. None of those things indicate anything other than that we recognize the seriousness of what we're doing but it should not be an argument...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...against our doing it. If Senator Day or if Senator Wesely could show me evidence that would show this approach is not going to work then I would have third thoughts. I have second thoughts now. I acknowledge that, but a change has got to come. There is nothing else on the horizon. I'm aware of good work the Foster Review Board did even in the Franklin case, even in the Franklin case. But there are people associated with DSS who made promises to me about giving information and they disappeared. They didn't provide the information they promised. So I am supporting this bill but because of an amendment that Senator Bernard-Stevens is offering, it doesn't matter to me whether Senator Hall's amendment is adopted or not because that will be made moot. I'm not...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...going to vote for Senator Hall's