

federal government. The problem is that they take longer with their reviews than the department does and they cost more in doing the reviews. So if they take too long and don't meet the time limits, that costs us and it costs us if they keep at the higher level of expense in doing the reviews as is currently the case. I mean, they will have to change a lot of the way they do business and become part of, I think, the bureaucracy, not apart from the bureaucracy, overseeing the bureaucracy, and, in fact, some of the dynamic in some of these proposals, you know, again if they're out there and they're part of having to fulfill these obligations, that's when we talk about them becoming a code agency because we've got a fiscal responsibility to oversee to make sure that the job gets done or we pay the price. And they don't want to be part of the bureaucracy but, in a sense, they want to take over part of the responsibility of the current bureaucracy. And, in fact, part of this amendment talks about random reviews by the Department of Social Services. They become the Foster Care Review Board reviewing the Foster Care Review Board, in a sense. This is...this is a very significant dynamic change that we have to understand the consequences and that's the point that I needed to make back to Senator Chambers of why we're concerned. There is a significant change. It's a change very different than the way we've been doing business in the past and we better be certain we can meet our obligations under this change or face consequences. So, again, I raise concern about the bill and suggest there is a better way to go forward. Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature, I know there's a number of us who...and I've talked with some of our members who share some of the same sentiments that I speak about, and sometimes you get lost in this bill and decide why in the world did we maybe support this when we began and we lost track of...through this debate of how we got here and why we're here, and it becomes very simple to me. I've served at least, I suppose, 50, 60 times in the last 5 to 6 years as a guardian ad litem, maybe it's a few more years than that, but a number of cases. And I'll tell you the frustration of dealing with the Department of Social Services is so incredibly large that it becomes very difficult to speak about it because those cases make you so angry at what the Department of Social Services has done. And it leads people like me to sign onto amendments like Senator Lindsay has got filed up there just to do away with the Department of Social Services because we couldn't do any worse. I know perhaps that isn't going to