

think we have to move very slowly, and, because of that, I think that the people who disagree on this issue and disagree on the solutions need to get together over the next eight months and come back to this body with a plan that will articulate, first of all, a system that meets the needs of those children, and, second of all, one that does not create a new agency that could just become a new bureaucracy within our system. So, for those reasons, I bring the bracket motion. I was tempted to do it about two hours ago. I didn't, I waited and I listened, and I'm convinced that we have not moved forward in any way to getting closer to a resolution of the problem and the disagreement on the floor and I truly believe it is a very, very important issue, one that we need to have an understanding of all the disagreements and certainly what people say will be the different impacts, let alone, least important maybe when we're talking about this with children but certainly the budget concerns and eventually how this will all be implemented. There have been many questions that have not been answered. And when we have a bill that is this important out there hanging, a number of questions that have not been answered, then I say that we need to step back, take another look and wait till next session. That will keep the priority issue for...the bill will still be a priority bill for Senator Avery and I would imagine would come up very soon next session. That is my reason for bringing this motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you. Senator Bernard-Stevens, you are next. This would give you an opportunity to speak on someone else's bracket motion. Thank you. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, I rise in support of the bracket motion. When I talked before I suggested that there would be a way to proceed and test out some of these ideas, that can happen with the bracket motion. And what you have then is you have the bill held over for quick consideration at the start of next session, and in the meantime the concepts that have been discussed here can be tried out. Now, for instance, on the transfer, that would be something that we would need to do through legislation but, nevertheless, we could assign in sectors of this state the responsibility, as has been desired by the Foster Care Review Board, to try out and do these permanency plan reviews. We could do that. We could try joint reviews. We could try alternating reviews. These are ideas that could go forward if the bill is held up and we could see what can happen. You don't need legislation to get them done.