

Maximum bill does not get the kind of hearing I would like to see it get, so be it. We can only operate this second, this instant is when we're alive, when we have to do what is there for us to do, and I think this is the best thing for us to be doing at this time.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I will rise to support the Chambers amendment. Let me tell you what I think we can and we can't do in the next couple of days. There are...there is not a consensus in the body but this body doesn't act by consensus all the time, that's why we vote on a majority vote every now and then. There have been a number of attempts to try to find a consensus here. The task force tried, didn't get the job done. Senator Wesely has tried, yeoman efforts to try to find consensus; it's been tough to find, hasn't found it. The Governor's representative, Jessie Rasmussen, has tried. She has had roundtable meetings and there is not a consensus. In other words, you don't have everybody on the same side here. Senator Hall began this debate on a series of questions that deserve answers and for which, in a short intervening time, answers could be had. Those are, how do you do the transfer? What do you do about the employees? When do you do that shift? Can we do a cost analysis that gives us some...some sense of understanding of the money? That's the kind of thing you can do in a shorter period of time and work out what are the technical details. What I fear is that we really have a very significant difference of philosophy here that really comes down to finding out where the votes are. For example, we will need to have a vote on whether or not the Foster Care Review Board should become a code agency or not. That's a significant difference. We need to have a vote on whether or not the Foster Care Review Board should do all the reviews from an external basis or leave them where they are. My guess is that Senator Wesely would like us to suggest...to look at the issue of whether there should be a pilot project or not. That's the kind of thing the body probably ought to get a record on. What we are not going to get is consensus on this bill because we are deeply divided on the underlying responsibility of who should do the reviews. That's the kind of thing this body settles by a vote. Now the two days that Senator Chambers asks for, it seems to me, are the kinds of time that can be spent answering some of the technical questions. What they will not yield is an answer on some of the philosophical questions that Senator Hillman raises,