

bill. I was one of those that served on a task force that said, yes, changes do need to be made, and I would like to offer...continue to work and offer suggestions on how those changes could be made. I do not believe, at this point, there is anywhere near a consensus as to how that should be done. I think the parties should work through the interim to come up with a solution that could be more agreeable and could facilitate any changes that we make between those two agencies to be on a much better understanding and agreement than what it is now, because I think forcing these kinds of changes is going to cause the implementation, in some instances, to be bogged down, we're not considering how those employees that are being transferred, their work ethic and how they would approach it. It's...I would rather that we come up with a system there could be some consensus on so that that transition could be made in more of what I would consider a healthy manner that would allow them the services that need to be performed would be much better than trying to force two agencies into, or even one, into a component that perhaps isn't agreeable. I think there is a meeting ground that could address the needs of foster children placed out of the home. I believe that we can come up with a program if we sit down and work on it in the interim. The way we're doing it right now I don't think is the good way to do it. To do it on the floor, to come up with a new idea every two weeks is not the way to do it until we get somewhat of a consensus of those people involved and how we should progress. For that reason, I would ask your support to bracket the motion until, I believe, January 3rd, I believe it is, of 1997, which means then next year we could come back with a bill and address it. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Schimek, on the bracket motion.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body, I rise in support of the bracket motion and my main reason for wanting to bracket this bill is that I'm not sure what implications this particular amendment, which now becomes the bill, has for the children of our state. This is something that has been brought to us just now. There hasn't been a public hearing on it. I think that we need more time to think about it. I concur with everything Senator Hillman said. This is a major kind of change that we're suggesting making here and