

I don't think there's been enough careful consideration. I, too, think we need change. I, too, think that we need to try to force, if you will, some discussion and we need to find some common ground. Unfortunately, the progress that we were making, as the Health and Human Services Committee, got bogged down when that...when the bill, LB 642, came out of committee and I don't...I don't feel that we have the opportunity to continue still working together to try to work out disagreements between Foster Care Review Board and Social Services. I hope that those of you on this floor who are considering how to cast your vote don't make this an anti-Social Services vote. I mean, I know that a lot of people get upset with the department from time to time and I know they're not perfect, but neither is Foster Care Review Board. I mean, they do a tremendous job but they're not perfect either and I hope that you don't base your decision and it's not retribution you're looking for. I guess I...Mr. Chair...or, Mr. President, how many minutes do I have left?

SPEAKER WITHEM: You have about two and a half minutes left.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: If I could, I would like to relinquish the rest of my time to Senator Wesely.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker and members, I rise in support of the bracket motion. I...we have tried to negotiate and talk with Senator Avery and Senator Landis, Senator Chambers, and some others, there is the potential, there was the potential of reaching a compromise on this. There still is the possibility. But I think right now there are so many unanswered questions and such hard feelings that have developed over some of the actions on this bill that it is probably best to step back from it, give it a cooling down period and reapproach the issue again over the course of the interim. To go forward with the issue at this time will be, I think, a fairly extended debate. We've already spent four hours on the issue. I don't know how much more time we're here on General File. There's some very strong feelings about the matter. There's a lot that can be done without having any legislation passed at all. We were in committee trying to talk and work through this and come up with a way that we could work through and answer the concerns that were there and try out some of these models and move forward and the bill got pulled out of committee and the process for negotiation was