

against. I keep saying child because that's what we're talking about, a child who is out there caught in that system. So I'm not going to vote for the bracket. We can't just keep walking away from this. It's so easy to bracket it and just, say, well okay, we'll think about that later, like Scarlet O'Hara. We can't do that. The time has run out. We've got to think about it right now. So don't vote to bracket. Let's talk about the bill and try to get something in place that will end this discussion, and I think we do have the privilege, the right to tell Social Services and Foster Care that they have to work out their differences and work at it. And if you don't have a bill that gives them some guidelines, they're going to just continue the same routine. From the very beginning when this bill was passed originally, when the Foster Care Review Board was set up, from the very beginning Social Services resisted it. They did not like the idea of anyone else reviewing, and I can understand the human side of that too, but that doesn't solve the problem. So I would urge you not to vote to...the other thing that Foster Care Review tells me is that there will be no...there wouldn't be any caseworker overtime resulting from case...from 642. Some people think that will happen, but caseworkers have to go to the DSS internal review. Flex time could be worked out as an option for evening reviews. They have the options to go to the FCRB review if they want to or not. They can respond by written questionnaire. They can respond by telephone. There's all kinds of ways that this can be done and thinking people who want to do a good job can work it out. And sometimes I think that's what we need, or the people that I think of, and you and I both know, the caseworkers and the people who do the work will be the ones who will be able to work it out, and forget all the egos at the top. Let them get the job done. And the last thing I'll say, I keep worrying and continue to be concerned because I think there is an effort, a hope, some...some idea of making Foster Care Review Board a code agency. Don't do that. They must remain independent and that's again what I worry about, another summer study, they'll look at that and say, well, maybe we ought to do this and that will solve the problem. No, it will not. So I will not vote for the bracket motion and I hope you will not too. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute. Thank you, Senator Crosby.
Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Call the question.