

the costs, look to see if the program is working, if we've lost any quality or we've picked up any quality, but bottom line is to assess this process and then follow that with potentially the whole state going under the system after that. We will have two legislative sessions after this analysis to possibly pull the plug on the process. The performance and...Program Performance and Evaluation Committee of the Legislature is the committee that will do this, as I said. The evaluation, we have outlined here as beginning in October of '96 through January of '97, and will report to the Legislature on their findings and provide a recommendation in terms of the guidelines that have been spelled out. With that, I think I will try to answer any questions and see if there are any questions and who wants to discuss some of the points and concerns that anybody has. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Avery, you've completed with your remarks?

SENATOR AVERY: Yes, thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Day.

SENATOR DAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. I'm not going to support this amendment, nor am I going to support the movement of the bill, but I am not going to do anything at this stage to try and hold it back. I think it's important that we all realize what may happen over the summer. There's probably close to a 90 percent chance that the funds that we get for these reviews will be block granted down, that the reviews will no longer be required, and it's going to give us an opportunity to look at our whole system and see if there isn't a better way we can serve these children in out-of-home care. So, at this stage I think it's something that we really don't need to deal with, we need to see what's happening over the summer. I understand Senator Avery wants this bill moved through, and again I'm not going to do anything to block it. But at this stage I will be voting against both the amendment and the movement of the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Just a couple of comments. In chatting with Senator Avery, it is in the amendment and I plan on supporting the amendment at this point. But it is in the amendment where the