

as we did last year. I hope not. But my sense is that, first off, the identification of a problem and the solution to the problem have not made an overwhelming case. First off, in terms of the problem, if there is a problem of permanency plan review currently being conducted by the department, and I'm sure that there are problems from time to time, the Foster Care Review Board now has the authority to intercede and be involved in that process as a gadfly, as an oversight entity as they were established to do. So if they've got a concern, they can interject themselves as they wish and involve themselves in this process. Number two, if they decide that that's not good enough, they want to just simply take over the process, what you end up with is a gadfly now, an entity that's out there looking over the department and the administration of different programs now becoming a part of the administration. They go from picking and choosing their cases and intervening to now they're part of the court system, they are required to conduct these reviews, they have so much time to conduct the reviews, there's...it's a whole different situation. You have to understand the dynamic here, it's going from an independent source that can oversee the Department of Social Services and pick and choose their cases, and serve as a gadfly essentially, to now they want to be part of the system. They want to do the reviews, they want to take over that function. And I think that's a fundamental shift and change of the role of the agency. If we take this step, and I know there's a lot of support for it the last time we discussed it, but if we take this step, then my sense is that we have to take another look at this agency and to the role as an independent gadfly. If they become part of the system, then they should become part of the system in more ways than just this one responsibility. They should be integrated into perhaps the changes in agencies that we're talking about. We will be setting up a regulatory agency that will be overlooking the services provided and perhaps there would be a role for Foster Care Review Board in that. And I raise that because, again, there is a significant shift in the role and focus if we move forward with 642. And that would be a logical question to ask and perhaps something that would follow should this bill pass. Let me also indicate to you, I have every expectation that if this bill passes it'll be vetoed, that this bill is opposed by the Department of Social Services, that's correct, and I would imagine that the Governor would listen to their concerns and most likely veto the legislation which will bring it back into our lap. Senator Avery, to his credit, and I want to indicate