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SENATOR AVERY: Right.

SENATOR VRTISKA: What happens when the whole system is up and running, you're talking about savings, where are the savings going to be when the whole system's up and running and you bring all these extra people on in order to fully...and let me first make it clear that I'm certainly fully in favor of these children having reviews and, you know, being properly cared for. But what happens to...where are the dollars going to come from to make up, when the whole state is under this type of a system? Now I assume if what you're saying is successful, that's the next step.

SENATOR AVERY: Dollar savings will come about when, because hopefully we can reduce the number of children that are jumped around from one placement to another placement that are in the DSS system so, so that the cost there, it's very costly to have very, several placements, when children are placed in one location...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR AVERY: ...then transferred and then transferred, that becomes very costly. And hopefully, those reductions are there. Now based on the figures we have today, there...we can identify more and access additional federal funds.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well...

SENATOR AVERY: That's on today's system. And I...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay.

SENATOR AVERY: As block grants come, we don't, we don't, you know, it's hard to plan that for the future.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, again, I certainly think that there's some...I am in favor of some changes in the foster care system and the way the system now works. I'm just a little bit...until I get a chance to more exam this, I'm a little bit nervous about some of the things that are, could perhaps be happening. So I'm not going to oppose this legislation at this present time, but I'm going to have to look a little further before I'm completely