

January 24, 1996 LB 642

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR CROSBY: I gave my time...did I not have any time left?

SPEAKER WITHEM: You did, I'm sorry, Senator, I did not hear that.

SENATOR CROSBY: I gave it to Senator Bohlke.

SPEAKER WITHEM: To whom did you yield time?

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Bohlke.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bohlke, two minutes.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Mr. Speaker, members, as I was listening to the debate and I came up onto the floor and heard what I think the amendment does now and currently the decision, if we're going to have a review process after the pilot projects. It reminded me that certainly in welfare reform we put forward pilot projects, and we thought it was very essential to have a review process before you would take it statewide. It seems to me that the whole purpose of a pilot project is to see if something's going to work or not. If you do not have a review process, how on earth do you know before you take something statewide what are the good points or what are the things that need to be corrected? Now, with welfare reform they were going to contract it, and I think as it turned out in the end, the Department of Social Services may be doing it internally. So you can go about it a number of different...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...ways, and I think that Senator Schimek has an amendment coming forward. But I think that we should think very carefully. I certainly will not, I've been very supportive of the Foster Care Review Board and the work that they do, but I would be very concerned if we did not have some type of a review process in place before we would take it statewide. That makes no sense to me and I don't know, I think Senator Avery has said that he's open to that. And, so I would think that we would look at Senator Schimek's amendment very carefully and hope that that puts back into this bill a process and a safety net that I think certainly should be there before we take something