

also of the bill. And I think the question has been asked, what will we gain. I really feel that we will gain a better quality of review. People and the different senators have been speaking about the Foster Care Review Board in a positive manner. And I don't think that it's been pointed out that all of the people that serve on those boards are, not all of them, but many of them are professional people that are involved in law enforcement, they're doctors, they're nurses, they're attorneys, they're teachers, special education people, accountants. In fact, in 1994, 14...over 14,000 volunteer hours were given by Foster Care Review Board members because they really do care about children and what happens to them. Senator Crosby spoke about the savings, it's been stated that in one year the Foster Care Review Board saved over \$250,000 just in placement of children through adoption. And it's kind of interesting because this summer I did have the experience of working with a Foster Care Review Board in touring a group home in Seward. And there were really some concerns that we found in this home, and I'm not sure if it had actually been reviewed by DSS or not. But we found that boys and girls were both living on the same floor, sharing the same bathrooms. The doors had no locks on the doors, there was no staff awake in the buildings during the night. Medicine cabinets were unlocked and unsupervised. And programs and services that were listed in the facility's brochures were not being provided. We found many problems and I know that the Foster Care Review Board took their concerns then to DSS. But those problems are still there. I guess I do support the pilot projects and I also feel that there should be a, somewhat of a review. I'll give my remaining time to Senator Robak.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. Senator Stuhr has just explained a situation that is, has been occurring in my hometown, in Columbus where I reside. The exact same problems exist. I sat through several reviews there, sat through a board of directors meeting, exactly the same thing was there. There was no awake staff at night. They used the, clients used the same bathroom. There was no supervision after certain hours. They were basically more or less on their own. Most of them were violent, not violent, but most of them were sexual offenders. Actually it was about the same thing, word for word, what Senator Stuhr said which made me turn on my light