

analysis of the case reviews, an analysis as to the quality of reviews, and the effectiveness of such reviews on the children within the state foster care system and then asks the Health and Human Services Committee to make a report back to the Legislature. After some discussion with Senator Bohlke and Senator Wesely and even Senator Avery, I'm going to ask that this amendment have an amendment offered to it that would simply say that this review would be completed by a consultant as recommended by the Health and Human Services Committee with the approval of the Executive Board. So the idea here is, and I...if you were listening to the debate you'll know that Senator Bohlke mentioned the Welfare Reform Act that we passed and mentioned the fact that after the pilot project there is a review process and that any time that you have a fundamental shift in your governmental functions here that it wouldn't be bad to have this review process. And particularly since, as David Bernard-Stevens pointed out, this becomes an automatic change, we don't come back and review it and say, well, should we go ahead with this. Basically what we do is we, we continue and make this project statewide in 1998. And I guess, I guess if we want to be very careful about how we do this, we would have a review process that would say to us either, okay, we're on track, let's go ahead as planned, and if not we would say, whoa, maybe we need to take another look at this and maybe we need to come back with some further legislation at a future date. So, with that I would be happy to try to answer any questions. This has been put together fast but I think it does accomplish what I, at least, and I think what Senator Bohlke would like to accomplish. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The item now before the Legislature is the Schimek amendment. There are about seven lights on, eight lights on that were on prior to the offering of this amendment. Let me just go through the list and see who along this list wishes to address this amendment. Senator Pedersen, will you be addressing this amendment? Senator Schimek, will you be addressing your own amendment? Senator Avery, will you be addressing this amendment? Senator Bohlke, will you address this amendment? Senator Landis, you will address this amendment? Senator Crosby, will you address this amendment? It looks like everybody, practically everybody wants to so let me just go through the list then. Senator Pedersen, you are now recognized to address the Schimek amendment.