

about all the children who, and I think of children as all of them under 18, they are children. When you think of all of the children these days, in this particular age that we live in, who are at risk and who have such terrible problems trying to survive because their own parents have abandoned them or whatever has happened to that family. When you think about a young man who was murdered and buried in a shallow grave under the bridge at 48th and Normal in Lincoln, that is the kind of kids that we are talking about these days. These children are in real trouble. They are not like they were 20 years ago or 25 years ago...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...when a family needed some help to take care of the children. Think about those children as you do this and reject this amendment. Making it a code agency is not going to strengthen the system. What we need to do is do what Senator Avery has brought to us and pass his amendment and move this bill and let it work. We aren't even willing to try to let it work and that is what we have to do. You didn't go for the review that Senator Schimek had, so let's proceed with the amendment or...that Senator Avery has and reject Senator Hillman's amendment. I just think that...I'm really very disappointed that she brought this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body, I'm rising in support, at least to the concept of the Hillman amendment for a number of reasons even though I haven't had a chance to go over this with a fine-tooth comb yet. It looks as if there is not much new language in here so it should be fairly simple to absorb. But I guess I need to make a couple of points and ask a few questions yet that do relate to this particular amendment and that don't relate. The first thing I want to talk about is that it was stated on this floor awhile ago that DSS is down in the numbers of people that are doing case reviews and that the reason for that is possibly they don't think they are very important. Well, just for the record I would like it to be known that all the reviews, a hundred percent of the reviews that are required are being done by Social Services. I can't let that one go by. They are doing...they are fulfilling their job. As I understand, one