

restructuring, redefining, re-engineering of government and there is going to have to be, I think, a stronger accountability to someone and I think the executive branch in most cases is a good way to do that. We are...we have an agency here that when it .when the legislation that was first passed, when it first was implemented had a budget of \$60,000. It now has a budget of \$600,000. I do have some concerns of what that budget is going to look like when it does the review process for everyone in the state. I think for them to have some direct accountability at budget time to the executive office in looking at how those budgets are developed and having that kind of leadership is something that this particular agency could use. You are going to have an extreme amount of volunteer people involved in this. I think it is important that that director have some direction as to what it is we would like to see done and that we have some authority in that process and looking at this particular program, like I said before, I would...I don't think we are going to gain anything by broadening this agency, number one, and that has been my objection to it all along. I don't think you are going to get what you think you are going to get. I just don't think it is going to be there because the system is not going to change that much. What we need to do is concentrate on how we could make some changes in the system. Put our money in some district courts or wherever it is that we need to be able to really reconcile the issues that are affecting children placed out of the home. The citizen review process that is there does a good job, it will do just as good a job in doing a random review as it will a full-time review. It will be just as good. And, if they want to do the full-time review, then I think we need more control and more accountability and I see that happening by being a code agency.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you. I would like to have a little of my time back if I could because there are some of the things that you said I guess I wouldn't totally agree with. I have watched the Foster Care Review Board and the actions that they have performed and to me I have difficulty in agreeing with some of the...some of the things that you said. Needless to say, I am not going to support your amendment simply because I think this again puts us in the realm of the bureaucracy and I have seen what happens to some bureaucracies when they get developed and get overloaded with what I would consider bureaucratic bumbling. These are a number of people...