

time so they are interested in some real positive results. From that part the Foster Care Review Board does a tremendously good job. But there also has to be some checks and balances in the system and that is why I offer this as a code agency. I don't see how anything will particularly be changed. Those volunteers will continue to work as always, we will just have some direction and some authority from the top. If at a point in time that is need be, we can look at that agency and we would have the avenues perhaps to do some changes that needed to be done. I just refer you again to those agencies that are currently under boards and commissions where they hire the director. There is no direct input, that we don't have any real control. We sit on the Appropriations Committee, we know that. There has been bills on this floor that we have had to try and pound out because we have had some difficulties with agencies that are not code agencies and the role of this agency and its particular charge, I think, would best serve the state if it were a code agency. And with that, Senator Vrtiska, I would give you any time that I have left.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Hillman. I would just respond by saying that in my opinion, for what it is worth, I guess you talk about the oversight, the oversight to me is from the Social Services. They cannot do anything that is not allowed under the rules of the agency to begin with so to me they have that type of oversight as far as being under control. The thing that I think is important to remember is in fact as you indicated they are a volunteer group who are interested in children, interested in the care of children and see that they get the proper care and it is difficult for me to understand that being a code agency, as you indicate with more oversight or more control would do that much, would be that much benefit. So, I can understand what you are saying but it is difficult for me to accept all of your argument in the fact that they wouldn't prove the agency to that degree and after all that is the purpose of this kind of legislation to begin with is the care of the children as Senator Crosby so ably described. That is what we are really about, the whole issue of taking care of children and seeing that they are not abused. These kinds have had a tough enough time in the world the way it is and my experience, and I have had quite a bit of experience in the last several years with the Foster Care Review Board and the Social Services system and to me it seemed to be working pretty well. And I think our children are being taken care of and I think the