

they don't feel is going to be looking out for the best interest of the children. Following that, the Legislature approves those individuals. I think the Legislature then has some say in oversight in making sure that those are competent people who are going to do what is in the best interest of the children. Following that the Foster Care Review Board reports to the Appropriations Committee. The Appropriations Committee has the opportunity to further scrutinize spending and activities of the Foster Care Review Board. I think we do have oversight. I think we do have the ability to make sure things are being done the way that we, as a Legislature, or the administrative branch see that it should be done. There is oversight. We do not need to create a separate agency and again to quote my friend, Senator Robinson, we don't need that additional bureaucracy. So, I'm going to not support this amendment of Senator Hillman's. I certainly appreciate the concerns of people on both sides of this issue and understand that people truly are concerned about children and that we are approaching it from different perspectives. But, I really think that the volunteers who have been working in the field, the volunteers who have been doing a tremendous job in looking out for those children that Senator Hillman also acknowledged and that we would probably find very little disagreement with are the people who are doing a good job, they need our support, the kinds of discussion and almost argumentative approach that we find ourselves in the midst of on the floor does not lend well to letting them know that we do support them, that we are concerned about them and that they have our confidence. I would like to, for one at least, go on record as saying that I truly admire and appreciate the work that is being done...

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

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SENATOR PREISTER: ...by the Foster Care Review Board, by those dedicated volunteers who are looking out for the best interest of the children in the cases that they do investigate, and know that their training and the approach that they take is also supported, as Senator Landis very capably enunciated is supported by the juvenile court system, and certainly those people in Douglas County where many of these cases come from, there is widespread support for the Foster Care Review Board members and those volunteers. And I think that support should