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in fact, as Senator Landis pointed out, speak very clearly to those of us who are now having the opportunity to cast our votes on what happens with this important piece of legislation. I'm grateful for Senator Avery for carrying this legislation...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...and thank...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Crosby on the Hillman amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I just want to say a couple of things in response to the things that have been said, and thank you Senator Preister, you stated that very well, having to do with the Appropriations Committee, yes, any of the commissions and so on have to come to Appropriations to have their budgets reviewed and approved, so they do have accountability. The second thing is the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission problem is, there is no parallel there at all because they have internal problems, whether or not that will be worked out, I still don't know. That bill evidentially is on hold for awhile and I thought it was a good idea because we do need, when they are fighting among themselves and the commission and the director having problems then the Legislature has to step in and try to...but this organization is not having that kind of problem. All they are asking is to be able to help 100 percent of the children, and so I don't see any reason for us to turn it into a code agency. I don't know if that will strengthen their work, I can't see that it would. I glanced at the original bill quickly and I do have a question for Senator Avery or Senator Hillman, either one. Was this idea brought into the original hearing at all? Senator Avery?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Avery.

SENATOR AVERY: I believe it was discussed, the idea was.

SENATOR CROSBY: But there wasn't any formal...

SENATOR AVERY: No.

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay, thank you. I just don't think it has a place in this discussion at all today, but I know what is going on. The Governor has brought in something else to hold up this