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the Foster Care Review Board to talk about trying to compromise. I think there has been a legitimate effort to try and reach a common ground. I would only hope the Foster Care Review Board, which looks to be successful in advancing the bill and eventually passing it, whether or not it's signed, I don't know at this point, it's possible that it could be vetoed, but no one knows for sure, but nevertheless it appears to me that there has been some sincere efforts to try and cooperate, and if there could be a little bit more on both sides on this issue I think we could end up with less of the friction that we've had over the years that Senator Crosby always mentions and is accurately reflecting the view that there have been differences. I don't know if they go away. But the other thing to keep in mind is, though, the agency goes away. With the changes that we're going to be talking about here in the near future with the consolidation and functions, the whole relationship and who's going to carry out and what functions will be reviewed again next year. And so, obviously, this issue is a very small and peripheral piece of that, but the overall question of how we function, how we administer these programs is one that's an evolving field and hopefully one of a little better good will than we've had in the past on this particular issue. With that, I rise in opposition to the bill but acknowledge that some effort has been made to improve it.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you Senator Wesely. No further lights on. The question before the body is, shall LB 642 be advanced to E & R Initial, actually E & R Engrossing, E & R Engrossing, I believe? All of those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed. It is advanced. The next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (LB) 642A, Mr. President, no E & R. Senator Avery, the first amendment, I've got two from you, Senator, the first I understand you want to withdraw.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Avery.

SENATOR AVERY: That's right.

CLERK: Withdraw 2895.

SPEAKER WITHEM: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Avery would move to amend.