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oversight of the different review here in the case of foster care review, pulling them out of DSS and then trying to turn around and having a discussion as to why we think it's better to have this big, mega, super agency, I guess, as Senator Wesely said, why that would be better. I have questions throughout the entire bill when I read through this legislation. Just in the first section, in Section 2 it says that we're going to create a human services system for each Nebraskan. It sounds like again Senator Wesely is putting into other bills, and we discussed it last year, universal coverage, his dream. And on page 3, line 15 and 16, it says that they're going to work with local services network, which are recognized as local partners by the health and human services system. Now we're going to have only those service systems that are recognized by the health and human services system. It doesn't say who's going to be recognizing them, who the health and human service system is, and who of those local partners will be able to work within this system. So I think those are questions that need to be answered before this piece of legislation is even considered. It talks about, on page 5, on Section 6, accessible in the form of information services available to Nebraskans locally, financially, culturally and conveniently. I suspect that in many cases we'll be talking about health and human services in our schools across Nebraska, that's also a tremendous policy issue that's discussed in communities that I think we need to be aware of. On page 6, line 21, assure service coordination and access through public education and information, community resource development, technical assistance. Again, that sounds to me like something that they want to do within the schools. And I'd like to have Senator Wesely talk about those possibilities because it's been in some of the literature that the Governor has passed out. On page 7, line 13 through 6 (sic), it talks about providing a common sense approach to regulations and licensure. You're talking about people's licenses out there, medical professionals who have their licenses on the line. We have...what does common sense approach mean? And because on...and then there's still the Hillary Clinton health care clause, in Section 9, it says that this will all be done behind closed doors. And again on page 9, in Section 12, the partnership council shall consist of not less than 7, and not more than 15 members. Does that mean at any one time will it be a fluid policymaking group? On line...on page 10, to consult...and line 22 to 24, to consult and cooperate with other state agencies so as to coordinate its