

participating in some of the killing, must be called what it is, and if the aim is to heal rather than to kill, you don't add additional wings to this operation. You go into that and you clean it out, and there is nothing in this bill which does any of that. It does none of that. There are other cases I could tell you about, such as, taking a Latino woman's baby because she was so cute, one worker from the SS Department, and giving it over to a childless couple, at least one of whom worked for the SS Department also, stealing the babies of nonwhite people and giving them over to white people who work for the same agency, a mother, who heads an adoption division, and a daughter engage in this kind of activity which is inappropriate, and nothing is done to correct it. There are people in the rural areas that...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...some of you represent who think that these people in the SS Department have carte blanche to mistreat them any way they choose, to try to take their children away from them, to deny them benefits that they need, and they have nobody to whom to turn for help, and as a result, I get calls and letters from you all's districts. And the first thing they doubt that I tell them is that is doesn't have to be this way, and what you all are poised to do is to create a bigger bureaucracy so that it can do more of the harm to more people that is inexcusable. My amendment will call it what it is and it will properly title these people based on the work they are expected to do, based on what they have been doing, and continue to do at present.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. I feel a need to first acknowledge some of the concerns and examples cited by Senator Chambers as legitimate concerns. On the other hand, I also feel a need to defend to a degree, at least, the departments, and particularly Don Leuenberger. I...the case, in particular, that Senator Chambers is talking about is a case that started almost a year ago, I believe, Senator Chambers, because I've got a letter I wrote to Mary Dean Harvey back in June expressing concern about it, and our Health and Human Service Committee did hold a hearing and did look into and try to do what we could to facilitate things,