

concrete in the past, and I am going to quote from Machiavelli, who talked about this very problem so many years ago, and I quote: It should be borne in mind that there is nothing more difficult to arrange or doubtful of success, more dangerous to carry through than initiating changes. The innovator makes enemies of all those who prospered under the old order, and only lukewarm support is forthcoming from those who would prosper under the new. Their support is lukewarm partly from fear of their adversaries who have existing laws on their side, and partly because men are generally incredulous, never really trusting new things unless they have tested them by experience. And that's exactly where we are at today, we have I think an acknowledgement that there are problems in the current system, but there is an incredulousness that is a natural part of human nature about moving on to something new. We all understand that this is, in a sense, a leap, and the leap, in my view, will end up softly landing in water, not upon hard rocks because I think there are people of goodwill now working together to try and pull this together, and that in the end the fact that if you bring people together and you take away the incentives to not work together and provide incentives to work together will lead us in a different way than we have in the past, by not having a situation where the child that is now cared for by DSS can be shifted over to the Department of Public Institutions, or now over to the Office of Juvenile Services, and passed around like some unfortunate toy that nobody wants to take responsibility for is the thing that we've seen in the past, and that needs to end. Children and...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: .. families, those in need ought not to be passed back and forth, so that their costs and the responsibility involved with providing for them is not anyone's in particular, and, as a result, nobody steps forward. That's the situation we have now. It needs to change. I strongly support the bill. There are many that have been working on it that likewise support the bill. I understand the concerns and opposition, but I do think there is a desire to move forward on the legislation, and as Machiavelli said, it is not easy. You don't gain many friends in this fashion, but in the end you gain better government. That's what we're here to try and accomplish. With that, I'd oppose the Chambers amendment and urge your support for the bill. Thank you.