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to vote against the blind. This gives you a chance to vote for the blind, a chance to kill this bill. Thank you.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Crosby.

**SENATOR CROSBY:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I would just very courteously and pleadingly, I guess, ask you to vote against the kill motion because I do think the bill needs to be moved today and I do think it's very important, as I have told you before, for the blind people to control their own destiny. Yes, it's been...it's been part of DPI, Department of Public Institutions, and then in the merger became part of HHS for over 22 years. And I think that in the recent years, probably in the last 10-15 years, it just...I think that the people who were involved and who were getting the services and asking for the services and needing the services felt that there was a combination of indifference, benign neglect; that the management was just the status quo always. We never...there wasn't any innovations. And I might point out to you that the blind people have come into the new millennium just as we have and, with technology being what it is, there are a lot of things available to them now that they didn't have before that will make life much easier to cope with. And so, from that point of view again, I do think, and Senator Beutler's amendment was one of them, I do think that we need to allow them to have their own commission, to have their own commission and to work...have the ability to work themselves and to, yes, use the money, and...and quite possibly, and I feel that they probably could use it in better way. I think that they probably could work with the federal government entity a lot better and see to it that the thing...the services that are needed are available to everyone who needs them and that they can...they can have to...that they will be able to make all those services available and use the technology available these days. Technology gets more...makes life easier for all of us every day and it gets better and better, I think all of you will agree. So, having said that, I'll be glad to answer questions, but I just ask you just don't vote for this kill motion. Let's get this bill moved today. And before Select File, if you have any other questions, I'll be glad to have a meeting with the people who are very interested in this bill, and I don't like to put them down just because they...only seven of them came in. And they had their own