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of the most serious questions is whether you take an appeal from what the county court has decided, and often this involves parent-children relationships. And taking an appeal can be a long, drawn out, contentious matter and usually only a lawyer guardian ad litem can understand, from experience, what's involved in that and the effect it might have on the parties. If you couple a lawyer appointed as a guardian ad litem with a layperson, such as a CASA worker who does not have that legal training and experience, you could get a different opinion from two of them. And if the statute says the judge is to appoint them as co-guardian ad litem, that means each of them would have equal authority to make that decision on whether an appeal is taken. It would almost be like having a rule that the doctor and the nurse had an equal voice in how to perform surgery. You wouldn't want a situation like that and I'm afraid that the person that would suffer would be the child involved because a fully professional decision wouldn't be made under those circumstances. Now I don't want to diminish the input, the service, the advantage of having a CASA worker, but I think the next phrase in the amendment which provides for the appointment of a CASA worker as a friend of the court more accurately describes what their role is, and their role is to build a relationship with the client, which is the child, and then provide a report to the court, which is really quite a significant responsibility. So I think we have to approach this with a great deal of care and at least at this point it appears that the only real solution would be to eliminate that joint appointment. Now there's another aspect of this and that is that we have heard reports that in some counties the county judges are under political pressure from their county boards to save money and not appoint an attorney but just appoint a volunteer CASA worker to represent a child. This would be like saying if you needed surgery we won't...we won't authorize a doctor; we will appoint the nurse to do the surgery. It's short...it would be shorting the child, shorting the representation. I think that has to be looked at very carefully.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR MATZKE: I would like to give...I differ a little bit with the answer that I think Senator Kristensen gave you on the