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SENATOR JENSEN: I am.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But, yes, you are.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Would you be willing to put a proviso in this bill that sexual orientation would not disqualify a relative from taking advantage of this bill?

SENATOR JENSEN: I think that would be incorrect because this bill is talking about training. That's really all it talks about, is training.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, but with Senator Raikes' definition of "relative," something else has been introduced into the bill that wasn't in the bill before. Do you agree with that?

SENATOR JENSEN: There was not a description of "relative" and there's not a description of "relative" in the foster care statutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But do you agree that the definition that Senator Raikes has now put into this bill becomes the only definition of "relative" that we have?

SENATOR JENSEN: Well, it doesn't change, as far as, again, this bill, the definition and in practice what is there.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What is the purpose of Senator Raikes' amendment if it does nothing?

SENATOR JENSEN: Well,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does it put something into the law which is not there now?

SENATOR JENSEN: It in very broad terms does, yes, describe "relative."

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if it...and was that in the law before