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my intent to kill the bill, but it is my intent to hopefully impress upon the body that there are a number of concerns here that need to be addressed and there needs to be a trailer bill next year on this, I think, addressing a series of these concerns. Having said that, I want to say that I'm going to use this incident for discussion purposes today, but I want you to consider anything and everything I say with regard to details as a hypothetical question. I may...I may forget to do that from time to time, but I want you to understand that this is a brand new incident. All the facts have not been flushed out. All of the charges are allegations at this point, so I make that statement at the beginning of this that all facts I'm talking about I wish you...I wish you would consider them in a hypothetical sense. The first fact I want to start out with is the fact that this little group home in Lincoln, and we have many group homes in Lincoln and they're spaced out over the city, trying not to have too many in one neighborhood but to sprinkle them here and there throughout the city, this little group home is very small, but in the space of the last year there have been over 30 complaints filed with the police department in Lincoln with regard to the clients in this little group home; 30 complaints, almost all of them from the staff of the group home. That begins to raise questions in my mind. It raises different kinds of questions, and the first thing I don't understand and I want to know is with respect to those clients that are there because DHH placed them there. Where was the communication between the police and DHH? Or why wasn't there some action taken with regard to these complaints? At least one of them involved a weapon. Thirty times in the space of a year,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...what does that tell us about placements? And I want to go back and...did you say one minute?

SENATOR CUDABACK: I did, Senator.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And I want to go back and start at the beginning, how people are placed, what the criteria are, and we need to get to the bottom of why one little group home with six