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SENATOR BYARS: I don't think so.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, tell me what that section is and maybe I...

SENATOR BYARS: Okay, the information, let me share the information with you, which I hope will...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay.

SENATOR BYARS: ...alleviate some of your concerns. The plan, as it is submitted, shall include both an evaluation and recommendations of an independent mental health professional. As this process works, it goes from the court, back to HHS to develop a plan. That plan is not done just at somebody's whim. There is an appropriate evaluation done of the individual, an assessment done, and then the plan, which includes a history of the individual with developmental disabilities past, what the treatment has been in the past, a comprehensive evaluation of their developmental disability, a risk analysis, and what type of treatment and staffing requirements would be appropriate. So this is part of what will be the plan for the individual. So I feel comfortable and those people in the disabilities community felt comfortable, as did the attorneys representing the Judiciary Committee and Department of Health and Human Services and others, and the advocacy agencies, felt that this...that there was appropriate protections built into the language in the bill. But I would yield my time to you, Senator, for any other questions or any (inaudible).

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Byars, and I understand what was confusing. You were talking about the bill and I think you said the amendment, so that's what had me confused. Okay. I appreciate that, and I think that a lot of care has gone into this bill, but the only thing that I was questioning really in the amendment, before Senator Chambers...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...rose on his concern, was that paragraph