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Chair should have somewhat similarly the same relationship to the staff as the Chair of other committees have to staff. But if you think that's too much, if you think the Chair of the committee shouldn't have that power, reject the committee amendment. There's nothing in the committee amendment that can't be put on back in Select that's technical in nature, and you're very welcome to reject it. I'm not going to be personally offended if you...if you want to narrow this yet more. Obviously, the committee thought it was appropriate. So this is a very limited authority; same authority the federal government has. You've heard of the GAO. You know they do enormous amount of good work. They should be doing a lot more, given the size of the federal government. But senators have the same powers and more with regard to the GAO than we would have with regard to our performance audit function. Did you say time, Senator Cudaback?

SENATOR CUDABACK: You have about 1, 6.

SENATOR BEUTLER: One, six, okay. Well, I hope I've answered the questions with respect to the concerns that have been brought up, and I understand that there are...that there will be concerns with a bill of this type. But I hope you'll feel at ease with it because, again, it is nothing at all radical in any respect. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. On with discussion. Senator Howard.

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Unicameral. I'm very grateful for Senator Beutler to having...to...that he brought this up. Indeed, there are many abuses in many areas that certainly need to be looked at, especially within the department that I've come from. These abuses range from overbilling in day-care programs, to fraudulent charges on clothing vouchers that are given for foster children that sorely deserve them. I, too, am very concerned about individuals that have been employed by the Department of Health and Human Services. I'm appalled the background checks are so poorly done. And we're concerned about foster parents. We should be equally concerned about