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afraid of, the ones we created a task force to try to figure out how to save, we put those children in foster care. The little angels that we care about, we give them to those people.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FRIEND: Six, nine, like I mentioned fifteen, twenty-one months at a time they're with these people, but we don't want to hear what these people have to say about the kids? I don't get that. Guardian ad litem sees them once a year, maybe, if we're lucky. How often does HHS see them? I think there's other people out here that could speak to that. How often does the judge see the child? The state? A legislator? I don't see them. These people are changing the diapers, they're buying them food, they're taking them to Fun Plex, they're doing things and we're worried about conflict. The judge can affect whether there's conflict or not. The judge can drive whether he or she chooses whether there's going to be that conflict out there. We've got permissive language now...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Friend. Further discussion? Senator Howard, followed by Senator Friend. Senator Howard.

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the body. Thank you, Senator Friend, for bringing up a very important issue, and in fact the foster parents do have a great responsibility. They are given a child to love, to care for, to meet their needs, basically, whatever those needs may be, and to work in partnership with the Department of Health and Human Services. And my question is now, and has been, why does the system not work? Why is there not a connection between the case managers and the foster parents, the foster parents and the Foster Care Review Board, the foster parents and the guardian ad litem, the foster parents and other providers such as teachers, medical providers? And the list goes on, and on, and on. I think what Senator Friend has brought up is really the