

support. And I think, for a number of people, we're at a crossroads of do we...do we make this policy shift because we're not exactly sure where it's going to go. But the Foster Care Review Board has a good track record and they've built up some goodwill because of the good things that they've done, and I'm willing to take a risk and I'm willing to take a look at having them do it, simply because they've got a track record that I can trust. And they've been here on some very uncomfortable things and brought out some cases that were not politically very popular to do but they did them. And they've stepped on some toes and some pretty important toes and they still keep doing it. That tells me that the people that are involved have a commitment to those kids. I'm willing to take that commitment and give them a chance to do this. I understand there's some real mechanical problems. I honestly don't know how to...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...solve some of those mechanical problems but I'm willing to take a chance. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Day.

SENATOR DAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I would like to clarify just a little bit what Senator Landis was talking about with the PPR reviews. I think it's important to note that these are not the same people that draw up the plan, the case plan. The case worker is not the one who does the PPR review. They are an independent division of the Department of Social Services because that is what is required by federal law. So they are within...under the roof of Social Services and it gives them the advantage to go and talk to the case worker and say, why did you do this, and to do those types of things. I understand Senator Kristensen's frustrations and what he is doing. I did receive a letter from a PPR worker and I have to tell you, from she said, they're...they care very much what happens, and I think there are those that do. Even with those concerns, I don't think this legislation is the answer. The real beauty that we have with the Foster Care Review Board is right now if I have a problem in my district, I can pick up the phone and call and they're there and they're ready to help me. Will they still be there when they have the burden of doing all these reviews? And, again, you've got to go back to realizing that 70 percent of the reviews they agree with. There's...everything is okay with them but they're still going