

funded, and under the amendment that I am proposing to you, it would essentially restore the funding for those eight positions. I think I will stop there, Mr. Speaker, and invite questions.

PRESIDENT: Very well. Senator Haberman. We are speaking on the Beutler amendment now.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, Senator Beutler would you answer a question for me, please. Senator Beutler, these service officers, it says, do not provide a service such as social workers might but are case managers. Now where do they get their information? Are they out in the field? Or do they take information that is fed to them from people in the field?

SENATOR BEUTLER: How do they get their information?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes, do they go out in the field? It said here that service department handles all cases of child abuse. Service officers are responsible for supervision of child and family under their jurisdiction. These service officers do not provide a service such as social workers might but are case managers. They provide the judge with information. Where do they get this information, from people working in the field, or do they go out and get the information?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Haberman, I am going to have to go back and check with a couple of people who are here to answer that question, to be sure I am answering it correctly but they get their information from the court system. They get some of the information, I believe, directly from people and they may get information from social workers, too. I am not sure.

SENATOR HABERMAN: So with that...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Goodrich can answer that, apparently.

SENATOR HABERMAN: All right, I will ask Senator Goodrich. Did you understand the question, Senator Goodrich?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes, I did, Rex. What it boils down to is if you go back in the legislative history, you will find