

safety or anything like that?

SENATOR KELLY: There will be requirements by me of where my children are and that is what I would rely on, with the parents that are placing those children in that neighborhood baby-sitter. The requirements that those parents make will be very satisfactory.

SENATOR NEWELL: All right, in other words it is up to the parents to make sure that whatever sort of facilities that they have?

SENATOR KELLY: Yes.

SENATOR NEWELL: Okay, thank you very much, Senator. I think I understand a little better. I hope somebody else does. I would only say this that the provisions of this bill, while a little more clear to me, I cannot ignore the innumerable people that have called me on this issue and I hate to say that while I am not as secure about exactly where to go I would hope that the Legislature thinks long and hard before they deregulate this and also try to find out what constituents feel. I think for myself I am going to have to oppose the measure. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Senator Kelly, I would like to ask you a question if I could on this subject, please. I would like to pose a hypothetical again to make sure I understand what the current regulations are, not what your bill would do, but what the current regulations are that you would be effecting. Presently, if I had a neighbor lady living two blocks away and she, for money, routinely was the baby-sitter for two children from two different families five days a week, routinely, is she required to be licensed now by a state agency?

SENATOR KELLY: If she has children from more than one family, she must be licensed according to the Department of Welfare's rules and regulations.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Thank you. That is my understanding of it also after looking at both the section that is in this bill, 71-1901, and section 71-1902. I, too, have received lots of comments from constituents part of whom it is clear from the letters do not understand the situation, part of them raising other questions I want answered. It seems to me it may be an instance where, in principle, what is being done is very correct, very needed but, perhaps, the regulations that are being implemented do not fully take into consideration reality. They are not practical, perhaps. If you can tell me this point right now, a neighbor lady who happens to baby-sit for two other neighbor's children, two other different families, in her own home, a home that is comparable to those people's own homes or perhaps even better, if she is covered by the Department of Welfare's regulations, then I have some substantial questions about whether there is an overreach in the regulations. I make that as a statement primarily, Senator Kelly, but you would confirm again my understanding that presently that person would be covered.

SENATOR KELLY: That is correct, Senator Bereuter, and in that you would need fire extinguishers on each floor, you