

manslaughter of this child. Loss of the child by the parents, of course, was a severe blow, and what we found from this article, if you have a chance to read it, is the need to reach out and help even more than we had. We went from the three to four. Now we want to go from four to six, and we take steps backward, not forward as a result of that. In addition, if you recall not too long ago in Omaha, we had the day care operator up there with all the guns and the drugs and the problems they had and she wanted to get back into business and because there wasn't any regulation for three or fewer children, she could do that. There was no way the state could intervene to stop that activity. When you have no state oversight, then you have the opportunity for abuses like that.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: I think it's a serious mistake to move forward on this amendment. There are many things that I'd like to talk about about this issue, but I think the best thing to do is to save us all a lot of time, a lot of agony and just vote against suspending the rules and allow this bill in its form as it currently exists to address a specific problem, Senator Lindsay has recognized and is a problem across the State of Nebraska. Let us go forward with the bill in its current form, let us not amend it and let us not take the time that I think obviously would have to be taken if we, in fact, did want to suspend the rules and try to move forward on this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lindsay, did you wish to speak on the suspension of the rules?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. President, I rise in opposition to the motion to suspend. I think Senator Moore is attempting to solve a problem that doesn't exist in his district as far as with the number of children that should be taken care of in a day care center. I'm sure Senator Lamb has the same problem occurring in his district and some of you may have that also occurring. I think the issue here is that there is a difference of opinion as far as to how many kids should be kept in nonlicensed day care. I think it's an issue that should be heard on its own and heard on its own merit. I can't say whether I'd vote for or against an increase in the number. What I can say is that it's I think a somewhat controversial issue that maybe should be handled on a bill of its own. This specific bill is designed to solve a problem which is currently