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just...I acknowledge that quality is a concern. I've done my best to try to make a fair adjustment toward it. It is not the only problem in childcare. Availability is another problem. And the more it's available and the more choices people have, the higher the standard of quality will go because people will have options. And that is itself a determiner of quality. It's when supply matches demand that demand gets to make its choice between options and the marketplace begins to work. And right now there isn't enough day care and this would assist...this bill, as it's currently written, would assist on that score. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. We are discussing the Raikes amendment to the Landis amendment to LB 925. Those wishing to speak are Senators Brown, Suttle, Stuhr and Wickersham. Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I wondered if Senator Raikes would answer a few questions about his amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR BROWN: First of all, I will say that...I'll ask you. When you talk about quality, what are you talking about? I mean "quality" is just sort of a vague word. What are you talking about?

SENATOR RAIKES: Actually in this amendment, Senator Brown, we're talking about a specific nationally accredited program specified by...

SENATOR BROWN: I mean more philosophically.

SENATOR RAIKES: Could you make this a multiple choice question or no?

SENATOR BROWN: Well, I mean I think that when you talk about quality it's too vague of a word. And what we're really talking