

were lucky. I am saying if you are a person who cares about other people and Senator Chambers has chastised us many times for being Christians but not living like Christians. And I want to say if we don't give these people the help that they need, first of all, we are going to pay through our own pockets by returning them to institutions or not letting them be independent and second of all, from a moral standpoint, you have got to live with yourself and think about it. What if it was your child? And I say child in the sense of what if you had a twenty-five, thirty year old son or daughter that was forced to live in an institution or never be able to have a place of their own like other young men and women their age. Many of them will never know the joys of being able to be married but at least they will have something to call their own, their own home, no matter how inexpensive it is. And don't think it can't happen to one of yours because it can. So, I am saying to my conservative friends, let's vote for it and save ourselves and the taxpayers some money and I am saying to those with a conscience, let's vote for it just because we are Christians. Thank you, Senators.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I would like to ask Senator Wesely a question if he would respond, please. Senator Wesely, you indicated in your very eloquent opening that the reason for LB 389 was to assist children and you mentioned children several times. Yet I notice in the bill that it talks about disabled persons and I guess a question I would have of you is, would this not also be applicable to an individual or a family that might have an elderly member of the family that broke a hip or something of that nature and was completely disabled, yet rather than go into a nursing home situation might be kept at home? Would that also be applicable to that situation?

SENATOR WESELY: This would apply to any individual that would meet the very tight disabilities definition that we have so you may have a situation where someone may contract autism or cerebral palsy or something who is a parent and has an older child who can take care of them in the home and thus would qualify so that would be applicable. And when I talked about children I should add that there isn't an age guideline but what we are talking about for instance, most of them would be under twenty-one but some of them let's say, an older man, say thirty-five or forty years old, could be retarded. Could be in need of some assistance. Can't maintain themselves in the home and then his parents who would be older would then also be able to take care of him. So we have those different distinctions.