

It starts first of all with a physical. The person must take a urinalysis and then have their blood pressure checked. Today before you can babysit for two children from different families, this is a requirement. The existing law has 15 to 20 percent compliance after being on the books since 1945 and I believe this Legislature ought to pass laws and only laws that can achieve a majority compliance of the citizens of this state. This one has been on the books since 1945 and the compliance is 15 to 20 percent. I think when you get in the terms of what is conservative with the rural people and the urban people of this state, they want to get the government and the state out of their homes and off their backs in situations like this where the state comes into the home to inspect that home if they babysit for two different children. What the bill does, it changes the two to six and allows babysitting up to five children from different families without licensing by the state. If we keep the law, it doesn't make any difference because we are not having compliance. After this prosecution, Fairbury turned into a hornet's nest because in that case the state turned into the strong arm pushing for compliance with the law. And it is an overwhelming public opinion against it because what it is doing and if it is enforced, and if it is really enforced, it will put a lot of mothers out of babysitting and take away their opportunity to work. Johnson County had a meeting here last spring. Nobody that wanted the bill showed up. The public opinion was so overwhelming that nobody showed up that supported retention of the present law. These people are good honest people. They know the people that are babysitting for them. They don't want the state poking in and most of these babysitters will stop babysitting rather than complying with the law. Most of it is a very marginal income thing, a little additional income and a service for friends. Now in Nebraska we are rated as a conservative state and this idea of conservative I believe applies to legislation exactly like this. The public did not want big oil, natural gas deregulated but they do want the involvement of the state and federal government kept out of their homes and their personal lives. There is a limit as to what you can do. The bill does not relax child care standards for truly commercial ventures. It simply gets the state out of the home and provides that people can take care of their neighbor's children without breaking Nebraska law. In Johnson County, the situation down there, in the entire county there are three licensed babysitters. The rest of it is all out of compliance. Approximately 15 counties have no one complying with the law, and to retain such a law on the