

books without modifying it or relaxing it and getting it out of the hair of these peoples is utterly ridiculous. I am not hung up on the six. If Lancaster or Douglas County want out of the bill, I would be willing to go that route, if that is truly their desire. I have my doubt that the majority of the people in these counties want out either. There has been a very well organized drive by a couple of womens' groups in Lancaster and Douglas County to oppose the bill. However, the circumstance is this, those that don't want it can't come in here and lobby because they are operating outside the law and the majority of the people in this circumstance are really disenfranchised from communicating with the Legislature and getting rid of it. I would urge this body, if not in its existing form, to relax the child care requirements or babysitting law to the point that we can at least achieve a majority participation of the people in the state. I think it is ludicrous the way the law exists and I think it is a training ground for disrespect for law to have a law on the books that received only about 15 or 20 percent compliance after it was passed in 1945. Let's pass this bill and get the support of the people and their respect for the laws in the State of Nebraska rather than disregard for them. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: We have some amendment...the Newell amendment, so we will take up the amendments next. Senator Newell's amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Newell would move to amend the bill. (Read the Newell amendment as found on page 420 of the Legislative Journal).

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, I am offering here an amendment that I have talked to the introducer and talked to some other members of this Legislature, it is an amendment that I think is a sincere attempt to compromise on this issue. And I want to basically lay out my arguments this way. First of all, I think that the way the bill came out of committee and the proposal that we allow counties to opt in, opt out, really isn't all that workable and I think that that in itself needed to be changed. The second thing I want to make...the second argument I want to make is simply this that what we have here is an amendment, a bill that tries to deal with a problem or a difficulty in terms of regulation. Frankly, this state, most of the child care providers or babysitting or whatever you want to call it,