

And I see the same thing happening in this area. We make this too restrictive and the alternative is nothing. People have no place to leave their children and then what are those people going to opt to do. In some instances, they are going to opt to leave the children by themselves and that will happen and that has happened and that has happened in Lincoln and Omaha. We make it too expensive, we make it too restrictive and we dry up the source altogether, and I know we are faced with this issue in every discipline almost that we entertain. It is the same argument whenever we talk about certification, licensures, and standards. What kind of an alternative are we creating? So I support the Burrows amendment. I don't think it is overly restrictive or the Burrows bill and I see no reason to auction this off and, therefore, would vote to defeat Senator Newell's amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Burrows speaking to the amendment.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman, I rather reluctantly accept the amendment because I think it is extremely important and I would urge you to vote for the amendment because I think it is extremely important that this bill be passed. Currently eighty to eighty-five percent of the people are outside the law in the State of Nebraska and I think it is important that our laws be passed to create a respect for law in this state. We don't have that respect when we have overly restrictive laws that just don't have public support. So I would urge you to vote for the amendment even though I would have preferred the original bill. I am afraid if we do not pass the amendment that we will lose the bill and this will allow four and most of the situations that I have come up against are two or three or four children and I think it covers at least the substance of the problem by relaxing it this much. It has been certainly ridiculous to expect licensure of someone that is babysitting for only two or three. So the amendment will relax the law a lot and I think a step in the right direction is much more important than getting everything we started for. So I would urge you to support Senator Newell's amendment from the standpoint I think it is necessary to get the bill passed in this body. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Newell, you may close on your amendment.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, one of the difficulties in offering a compromise is not everybody wants to compromise and that has traditionally been the situation. I