

and we think we have a lot of responsibility and we are in a lot bigger hurry oftentimes than we really ought to be so we are inclined to drop our children off with babysitters that we haven't really done a whole lot of investigating about and don't really know very much about in the first instance because, frankly, again for good or for worse, life tends to be less personal in large urban areas. It is one of the things we have lost, I think, as people have moved from the rural to the urban areas but it is a fact of life and it is something we ought to recognize in our laws. I think it would be a terrible mistake for areas like Omaha and Lincoln to weaken a law like this that does provide a few minimal protections for the children that are entrusted to the care of babysitters. What we really, of course, need is a much more comprehensive program like that incorporated in LB 520 which Senator Johnson has introduced. I don't mean to say that this current statutory regulatory scheme we have is a be all in the end all. It is not. It is weak in many respects and it needs improvement in many respects. But the answer is not to scrap the system entirely and the answer is not to throw the baby out with the bath water but to work towards an even more comprehensive system than we have now. I strongly support Senator Barrett's motion to kill. I think it would be a serious mistake for us to weaken existing law and hope that you will follow his lead in voting to kill this bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to support the indefinite postponement of LB 270. I just merely want to advise you of a few things we do. Homes for the elderly we inspect, we license. Why do we do that? Because in many cases those people are infirm and they cannot leave a building in the case of a disaster and we make sure that a disaster might be minimized because there are minimal standards. Now then I ask you, how many toddlers could you care for, whether it be a trailer home which is a tinderbox or some of the nicer homes that you and I might live in, how many infants could you evacuate in the case of a severe fire? Just because it isn't working in a few counties doesn't mean that we should, as lawmakers, say, let the infants and the toddlers take care of themselves. I submit to you there is probably few laws that are obeyed by 100% of compliance, not even the great law, Thou Shall Pay Our Income Tax. So for those of us who sit here and say the law isn't working, it is not our fault because there is some counties that refuse to be a part of the law. We are all going to deal with Christian schools