

provisions that deal with any kind of public subsidy for children from low income families. So what will be left when this amendment to the committee amendment is adopted are those sections that deal very simply with the licensing of care providers by the Nebraska Department of Public Welfare. Now I would ask you to adopt my amendment to the committee amendment and to adopt the committee amendment and then we will have the bill that I know a number of you wish to talk to, that that would then be the bill that we really are talking too. So, at this time I would move the amendment to the committee amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Howard Peterson on the amendment to the amendment. Senator Cope on the amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, a question of Senator Johnson. I heard what you said but I just wanted to be reassured. There will be absolutely no cost to the state, no cost to local government in dollars.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Senator Cope, let me answer it as straightforwardly as I can. If my amendment is adopted and if the committee amendment is adopted all that will be left with this measure is the basic licensing provision. I do not have any fiscal note for the basic licensing provision. However, I have received a letter from the Nebraska Department of Public Welfare which indicates that with the licensing responsibilities that they suspect that they might have to increase their staff by four people. So that would be the only cost. That would be the increase of the licensing and inspection staff by four people but that would be the only cost that I am aware of Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: There will be a little revenue because there will be some charge for the licensing, right?

SENATOR JOHNSON: This bill . . . actually, no there will not be, Senator Cope. Under this bill, the current licensing charge is one dollar.

SENATOR COPE: I think that is going to be changed though.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Right. Now there is another bill that the Appropriations Committee has which is going to come to the floor. . . .

SENATOR COPE: On child care.

SENATOR JOHNSON: That is right. . .