

I oppose the bill but in case it should pass I would like to have you adopt this amendment so that it would make it a little more palatable. Right now you can have two children this says you can have four, anything over four you have to get a license. Now you can only have one from another family, if you have two from another family you have to get another license. This says you may have a total of five children in the house, in the home, in the babysitting place or whatever it is, then after that you have to get a license. Before that you don't. That is all it says. I'm just trying to make it a little more palatable. So it just changes it from two and inserts five. It gives them more outside of the family that they take care of in the home if they want too. So it doesn't do that much damage or harm to the bill or to what Senator Johnson is trying to do. I'd appreciate if you would support the amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Senator Lamb and members of the Legislature. I rise to oppose this amendment. We fought this three years ago. As a matter of fact we fought the same concept earlier this year and this legislative body decided that it would not step backwards but would continue with adequate safeguards for children. I trust that you have not forgotten the many contacts that have been made by PTA members, by women and men in this field of child care, by the Junior League, by the concerned citizens across the State of Nebraska who want quality services and safety for children, not just in Lincoln, not just in Omaha but across the State of Nebraska. Each child is special, each child is valuable. Please do not adopt this amendment. This would make me have to vote to kill the bill and that may be exactly what Senator Haberman has in mind since he has already candidly admitted he does not like the bill. Let's just let Senator Haberman vote against the bill but let's not put his amendment on.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Vard Johnson on the Haberman amendment.

SENATOR VARD JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, we have the issue that Senator Haberman is raising is one that we did argue, as Senator Marsh points out, with some vigor in connection with LB 270. I have never been totally unsympathetic to what Senator Haberman is wanting to do but I certainly have been in the context of existing licensing laws, because existing licensing laws literally provide licenser, the Nebraska Department of Public Welfare with no solid administrative ability to control the activities of