

they were going to actually set forth exactly what it was going to be in these day care centers. I have a great concern we are getting to the point where we start to tell the children from the time they are three years old until the time they are through high school exactly what they ought to believe and that is what we are starting to do and those of you who are members of churches who have day care centers, if you want to get to the point where they start telling your church what you are going to teach in that day care center, exactly what is going to happen, then you just want to vote for this bill. I passed out yesterday a letter from the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Island that is next to the largest church in Grand Island, they have 2,500 members. Also a letter from St. Paul's Lutheran Church that has about the same membership, both of whom have day care centers, and they are in strong opposition to this bill. We have a day care center in the church where I belong and I just feel that when we start trying to tell everybody what they are going to do and parents get to the point where they can't check on the kind of a facility where they are sending their kids or they can't determine the kind of facility that they want and what they want those children to learn, it is a sad state of affairs. We are getting about as close to a Russian situation as we can get. I just would forewarn you that that is the direction we are going if we start with this bill.

SENATOR LAMB: Amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vickers would move to amend the bill on page 19, lines 6 & 7, strike the word "and approval".

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. Chairman and members, on page 19 of the white copy that is now the bill, Request 2635, the language says the fire safety standards for early childhood programs as defined in Section three of this act shall be developed and implemented with the advice and approval of the Department of Public Welfare. Now I believe that the State Fire Marshal's office should set the fire safety standards for these programs with the advice, perhaps, of the Department of Public Welfare but I don't think we should put the Department of Public Welfare in the position of approving fire safety standards developed by our own Fire Marshal's office. I don't think that is a good idea to have one agency approving standards that another agency's expertise is developed in and therefore I suggest that we strike the two words "and approval" on lines 6 and 7 so that it will just give the Department of Public Welfare the right to