

do more positive things that you are concerned about, about the regulation of the small provider than it does on the other end. For that reason we should have accepted that and said we would have supported the bill and I urge you to support it now. Senator Johnson, this bill is much better and if you would have compromised earlier I think you would have had a lot stronger hand at this time. I urge the Legislature to adopt this bill. I think it is a good one and it deserves our consideration.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Koch on the amended bill.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I rise to support LB 520. I received as much mail as most of you have and I think that many of those people are misled by a certain kind of statement which have been made which are not appropriate. I would only remind this body that there are approximately 3,500 day care homes in the state that are not now licensed and that there are some 10,000 children that we have placed in these places, voluntarily, and they will still be there voluntarily. I would also remind you that there are many working mothers today and many of those mothers make up the League of Women Voters, American University Women, Coalition for Child Care, made up of mothers, some of whom I know and taught in high school. Yet by the same token, you and I when we walk into our barber shop we are going to someone who is licensed and I don't know if they can really hurt our hair that much, but they are licensed. Or, when you take your best pet to your kennel even the veterinarian has a doctor's degree, DVM, and we know that those kennels have to be policed and maintained as well. I don't think that it is unreasonable that we today take notice of the fact that we should be providing for these young people the best care possible under the safest conditions. And to Senator Peterson who is always worried about brain washing, I can assure him that there will be no brain washing and I have seen children brain washed by their parents, so it depends upon what you call brain washing. So I suggest to you that Senator Johnson has spent a lot of time on LB 520, the committee spent a lot of time on interim studies and there were many people that appeared, parents, day care providers and others who have a sincere interest in this piece of legislation. Senator Johnson has removed some of the things that were most objectionable, what we have now, I think, is legislation that this legislature can pass, walk away from and say we tried to do the best we could under the present conditions. So I ask you to treat LB 520 favorably. I want to make one other statement. I received letters people saying they opposed 520 and 938. They are also fouled up on 938. It is not mandatory at all. It is permissive. Absolutely permissive. So I want to clear the air on that subject as well.