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SENATOR LAMB: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Senator Johnson, I don't know that I have a copy of the amendments. Were they passed out on the desks?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, I'll give you one right now. I've got some extras.

SENATOR NEWELL: Okay, I'd like to have those. Senator Johnson, I did kind of try to find out what is going on here. I've listened a little bit to your comments. Do I understand that you are putting in a local option license provision?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR NEWELL: And could you explain that local option license provision which you have never explained to me before?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: All right. The local option license provision goes this way. If a local government, i.e., Lincoln, i.e., Omaha, but Omaha doesn't do it now, but, i.e., Lincoln, they do it, if a local government wishes to regulate in the area it can do so under two conditions. Number one, it can regulate those areas that we're exempting out. It can make that choice. It can regulate those areas that we're exempting out.

SENATOR NEWELL: That's enough. Thank you very much, Senator Johnson. You know I talked to you earlier today and I asked you how we were doing on this bill and you forgot to mention these amendments and this local option stuff, et cetera. I'm very much opposed to the amendments and if they are adopted I'll be very much opposed to the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Johnson, to close on your amendment.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well you know you get a little distressed when you find Senator Newell saying that this just takes him blind sidedly. I don't know exactly why it would be because what this does, Senator Newell, in terms of the local option, it just says simply that if those urban centers, if those urban centers decide that they want to regulate more extensively in the state exempted areas, they can make that local decision. Now I don't know what is wrong with a local urban area being able to make that local decision if it wants to do that. It doesn't have to. They don't do it in Omaha but they do it in Lincoln and that has been the problem, they do it in Lincoln. I frankly think that probably is good policy. It says the state regulating everything except very, very small care providers and if for some reason a local government decides it wants to regulate small care

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