

not know the truth. They didn't know the truth of the bill. So, they sent letters back. They sent them back to Senator Higgins and Senator Sieck and Senator Peterson and Senator DeCamp, to everyone of us here. They took this piece of legislation which is a responsible piece of legislation and they sillied it, they sillied it, they besmirched it. So you know it is almost like being married to a woman who suddenly gets a bad reputation through absolutely no fault of her own, through no fault of her own. In my heart it is very angering to have that happen. There is no reason, there is no reason why I as a father of two children ought not to be able to place my child. . .

PRESIDENT: One minute Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: . . . in a day care center, a care home, a preschool without at least some minimal assurances, some minimal assurances that that home, that center, that school meets health, safety and protection standards. When I go to a grocery store and I buy my food, I at least have the assurance that I don't even think about any more, that that food has been inspected and meets the standards of the Pure Food and Drug Administration. You think it is too much to ask when I take my child, put my child someplace that that place at least has been inspected to see if it is safe, I don't think it is too much to ask. I am keeping tabs on the number of children who have been killed in this state, who have been injured or maimed in this state in the hands of others.

PRESIDENT: Time Senator.

SENATOR JOHNSON: And they are legion. This is a small step in the right direction.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, just a real brief comment. I guess I fail to understand why we have health and safety rules for our school children but for our younger children when they go to school we have no health and safety rules. It just doesn't make sense at all. I see nothing illogical or nothing overreaching about applying the same rules, the health and safety rules to preschools as we have applied to schools. If anything the younger children are more in need of protection than the older children. So it seems to me that this is a perfectly logical extension of principles that we have endorsed for a long, long time in this state. I see nothing radical or