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SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: And if I chose to take them to a regulated place that is all right?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: What would be the reason for wanting to regulate something like this?

SENATOR JOHNSON: It depends upon what this is. We have been regulating in the area of child care, like I said since 1943 and again it is basically to assure ourselves as a society that a given facility happens to be a safe facility, that is that a child is not likely to be injured or harmed at that facility and to assure parents of the same thing.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Then, Senator Johnson, why are we calling this regulation when it basically comes down to protection?

SENATOR JOHNSON: I think that is a safe concept. Basically it is protective of our young people.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Would you say that it is comparable to Ford Motor Company in regulating that they ought not put gasoline tanks right up to the back bumper so that if somebody gets hit and the car explodes. . .

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes I would, yes I would.

SENATOR HIGGINS: So what you are trying to prevent is people taking a calculated risk in figuring out how many people will be killed and how much will it cost us in insurance not to do this. . .

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: And, it won't make any difference.

SENATOR JOHNSON: That is correct.

SENATOR HIGGINS: So you are really talking about the protection of children.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Right.

SENATOR HIGGINS: And the opposition is talking about regulation?