

SENATOR HIGGINS: And see if we can't save the taxpayers some money, because I get the feeling from this Legislature that there is too much regulation of business and by golly I agree with them. I own a business, I have an insurance agency, I don't like a lot of the laws that I have to comply with. So, Senator Johnson, would you be willing to co-sponsor a bill next year with me that we eliminate these regulatory agencies that are interfering with private enterprise and we can save the taxpayers millions of dollars and I think we ought to be able to get every senator here that talks about getting regulations out of business, they ought to co-sponsor that bill, wouldn't you agree?

SENATOR JOHNSON: I would think that they should be asked.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Senator.

PRESIDENT: Chair Recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to oppose Senator Peterson's motion to indefinitely postpone LB 520. The Public Health Committee held an interim study, the Education Committee held an interim study on the same issue. Senator Johnson has taken great pains in trying to get everyone involved in the issue. It is interesting that the issue at one time was opposed by many in the child care providing business have now generally accepted Senator Johnson's bill to be reasonable. I'll remind you that many cases we have humane societies to protect animals and provide them in most cases better care than we do many times of some children. I would remind you also that this is not mandatory that parents place their children there. It bothers me when I have a bill about the same subject getting letters saying, we are going to brainwash kids, we are going to do all of these things. As I watch the Legislature sometimes I think some people have been brain washed a long time. It depends who is brain washing you. This bill is a good bill. We owe it to young people that they should have minimal care. There will be no effort made to control curriculum, control minds, all we are worried about is a decent environment that is safe. If you can't live up to those standards then you shouldn't be in the business of providing care for children for pay. That is all that this bill amounts too. I may sometimes by the stupid letters I receive, by the misinformation which people get, they don't take time to find out the facts before they shoot of their mouth with emotion and this bothers me a great deal. So for us to postpone Senator Johnson's 520 would