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one, a more carefully refined, the exempted home; number two, they set fees; number three, for primary and metropolitan cities, i.e. Omaha and Lincoln, they will allow a local option so long as the local community uses the standards developed by the Nebraska Department of Public Welfare. Number four, they make certain that whatever rules and regulations the welfare department openly adopts for the regulation of the childhood programs reflect the variations in kinds of programs, i.e. the differences between a preschool and a day care center and a day care home and what have you. It is just as simple as that. They are very straightforward amendments. Again, they have been worked out over the long pull with a lot of different people who are interested and concerned about this issue. I would ask that they be adopted.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Seantor DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Senator Johnson, I'm a little more ignorant on this bill than I would like to be, particularly in light of the interest of the state in the Christian schools issue and how certification and these things develop pretty rapidly from just an idea of a little bit of state supervision. As I understand now you have moved this up to five children where you used to have two.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR DeCAMP: And your amendment moves it to the metropolitan basically Omaha and Lincoln?

SENATOR JOHNSON: No, everybody can. . . the state standard simply is that if you have fewer than five children in your care you are exempted from any regulation whatsoever. However, in respect to Omaha and Lincoln, if Omaha and Lincoln choose by local ordinance to either regulate, that is more closely, to regulate the two, three or four child home, they may do so. They may do so. Now Lincoln presently does, Omaha does not, nor has it ever so far as I know. If they do so they have to regulate with the same standard the Department of Public Welfare uses. There can not be any conflict in standards.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Are there any standards in here, and I apologize for not having studied it in depth, but quite frankly these regulation bills usually have more in them than can ever be found out anyway, has a lot of rule and regulation making of power, is there anything in there that goes beyond so to speak fire and safety?

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