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PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, just for a point of clarification, Senator DeCamp, according to our state issue, American Heritage dictionary, the definition of protect is "To keep from harm or injury", so I don't think protection in this case is addressing teaching or schooling. I think, I see under your questioning of Senator Vard Johnson a very thin veil to bring up Faith Christian Schools. I really question whether you are talking about protecting people from what they are taught as opposed to just protecting their little bodies long enough to see that they can get to maybe your Faith Christian Schools and be taught whatever you think they should be taught. But, in this bill, I think it has been made very clear that we are talking about protecting their. . . protecting them physically from harm. That is the reason for the fire codes and the other types of regulations that they have in effect. I think that pretty much should answer Senator DeCamp's question as to what protection is, it is to keep someone from harm and even though the dictionary does not spell out intellectual or physical, I think anybody with common sense would know that it is implied in this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. President. I would have a question of Senator Johnson, if he would yield.

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson, would you respond?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Sure.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Johnson, I really didn't like this amendment yesterday and I don't think I like it any better but I was not able to speak because I was too late pushing my button. When you have added, "including his or her own children who are age eight or under, or children under his or her legal guardianship who are age eight or under", this applies to all programs including the house wife who perhaps is taking care of neighbor's children, is that correct?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: So if you had three of your own and maybe you had one preschooler and two that came home from school and then you took care of others after school or all day, you would have to license, is that correct?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes.

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