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SENATOR PIRSCH: And, meet all of the health and fire standards?

SENATOR JOHNSON: You would right now. Yes. Under current law you would have to do that.

SENATOR PIRSCH: But, with your amendment, it specifically can . . .

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes, but that is simply a refinement of what the Newell-Haberman amendment was. They included children in the family.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, why did you specifically add that then?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Well the . . .

SENATOR PIRSCH: Under age eight.

SENATOR JOHNSON: The Newell-Haberman amendment just said simply, we won't regulate those people who care for fewer than five children including their own child. That is all it was. You know it is kind of silly, Senator Pirsch, to include in the count a child for example a child who is 15 or 16 years old, you know, so I just went back to the people I have been working with and they said, oh, lets just make it age 8 or less than age 8, that is all. It is simply a refinement of what Senator Newell and Haberman did.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, so this would preclude then any of your own children who were over the age of eight.

SENATOR JOHNSON: That is right, being. . .

SENATOR PIRSCH: Not necessarily other people's children who are over eight.

SENATOR JOHNSON: No, that is right.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, thank you. I do have some reservations about the city of the metropolitan or primary class adopting other rules, because I feel that there is an effort in Omaha particularly to go back to more stringent number of children and I would be opposed to this amendment and urge the body to be opposed to them also. Thank you.

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