

SENATOR WESELY: Well, the intent would be not to duplicate anything currently in place and not to supplant it. It would, obviously, have to all be negotiated at the local level as to what's there and what needs to be done and how you would work it all together. But if things are in place right now, the intent isn't for this to come in and take it over whatsoever. But the home health nursing type activity that we're talking about, I heard Senator Haberman talking about fees, that would be one of the reasons that you have the fees in there.

SENATOR WARNER: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR WESELY: Maybe you might ask Senator Lynch. He might be able to respond to some of your questions too.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Excuse me. Before recognizing Senator Smith, the Chair is extremely pleased to announce 32 guests in the north balcony, participants in the Nebraska LEAD Program. They come to us from all over the State of Nebraska with their Campus Coordinators. Would you LEAD fellows please stand and be recognized by your Legislature. Thank you. We're very pleased to have you with us today. Senator Smith, please, followed by Senators Lynch and Scofield.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. And before I start, I would say that if I have any time left over, I would like to give that time to Senator Haberman. I have a number of questions and I think maybe what I would start by doing is asking you, Senator...if Senator Lynch could answer some questions for me.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lynch, would you respond, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Lynch, since this is your bill, I think probably you would be the person that I should ask. I was looking through here and some of the concerns that have been raised kind of caught my attention. And, by the way, I want to preface this with the fact that on the surface I think this is something that I would be very supportive of. Page 5, your paragraph there that Senator Warner was discussing regarding home health services and it talks about all the things that they could do in the home. I know for a fact that, for instance, the Department of Social Services can do some of these things that...in conjunction with the Department of Social Services at