

that I think are valuable for the state.

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah.

SENATOR PIRSCH: And even at the 1.5 million I would support this, because I believe in that program to extend that child care and also to give some advantage to those elderly who have saved and worked up assets only to see them all disintegrate when one spouse goes in a nursing home. I do just want to remind the body, though, as Senator Scofield did some days ago, that all of these are adding up.

SENATOR WESELY: Um-huh.

SENATOR PIRSCH: And that this will continue forever and ever and be a continual increase in our budget. So I hope you all are adding up your 1.5 millions as you go and considering that when we are considering big ticket, new program, continuing programs. Thank you.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Warner, on the advancement of LB 362A.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, all I wanted to say at this point is that Senator Wesely essentially responded and asked...to questions that, obviously, these numbers are going to be adjusted at some point before the legislation is enacted and the full impact of the federal requirements are clearly identified. I would expect that we would, either in the form of an amendment, or at least in discussion of a bill, will identify any parts of this bill that are in excess of the minimum federal requirements and/or in excess of the current law, or both, as far as Nebraska law is concerned, so that you will be able to separate out, as a matter of policy, those things that you want to do because we're mandated by the federal legislation and those that you may want to do because it's desirable and optional to do. The dollar impact, I suspect, is not going to be all that significant as far as the overall cost. But, at some point, that discussion needs to be provided to you. And once those numbers are finalized more precise than I think they are at the moment, that can be offered. But the bulk of this needs to be done, should be advanced, and there will, obviously, be some refinement a little later on and at that point it should be framed for you as to what is optional, what is not optional. But I, again, want to reemphasize the dollar difference is not going to be