

question that I have raised that we're assuming is written into this are assumptions about what the effects of the Federal Family Support Act might be which, again, I think could...if we have failed to address the proper assumptions, could indeed add greatly to the cost of this program. So those are some of the kinds of issues that we're pondering right now as we attempt to figure out how to deal with this and how to equitably deal with our population and act in a fiscally responsible manner. So, I guess, I would simply close by saying I'm glad we had a chance to at least talk about this issue today and I appreciate the way has Senator Wesely has worked with us on this. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I am pleased to speak in behalf of this bill, this appropriation. Whether or not you come up to the reimbursement rate that they want or whether you give them all the money or whether we go back to the other bills is not what I'm going to talk about. I'm going to talk in a special way about the things that we, as a society and lawmakers, do and say to people who have problems. First, we say if you're on ADC or if you have any welfare income, try to get a job, get out there, get a job, get off welfare. That's wonderful. But if you have children, that's not always easy to leave them if you don't have someone that could take care of them. The other one is, I am pro-life, I am against abortion, I want the people to have their children instead of aborting them and so do a lot of the rest of you and society should welcome these babies, but along with that welcome is an obligation to take care of them. You can't just leave them out in the cold and not help the parents take care of them. So, from that point of view, I think that we need to think about this particular appropriation and LB 678 and the other bills that will come along about child care. We do have that obligation to take care of the child, to take care of the mother, to take care of the families. This is not a question as to whether the mother should stay home and take care of the child. We can't have it both ways. It's a catch 22, we have to solve it one way or the other. Day care organizations are not charity...charitable organizations. Most of them are there trying to take care of the children and keep ahead of the game. I was most impressed with one young woman who came to our Health and Education...Health and Social Services (sic) Committee hearing on one of these bills and she is a day care provider in Omaha, has Title XX reimbursement. She...you could tell she