

those kids that have this problem will, in fact, voluntarily come to their kids (sic), and those kids won't be affected by this bill. I really don't think that all the rest of them left out there, it will affect anybody, those as well, but I would hope that you would support a bracket motion to help us better understand this important and terrible issue and handle it in a fair and just way. In fact, we live in a country and a state of law, if, in fact, we try to legislate so that we are, in fact, evenhanded and fair, we should do just that. At this point, the way the legislation is written it won't. I think we have an obligation to do what is tough but do what is right. I hope you'll support to bracket.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is, shall the bill be bracketed? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 26 nays, Mr. President, on the bracket motion.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. The call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Legislature is now back to consider Senator Bernard-Stevens motion to suspend the germaneness rule to permit consideration of AM1609.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you like to refresh our memory where we are?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, and maybe this time I'll remember to give Senator Schimek a little bit more of the time, or maybe she'll punch her light in a little sooner this time. The amendment that is before us now, since we have decided to take up this subject and not bracket it until next January, is shall we look at the whole picture or shall we not. Again, I'd like to remind the body the first vote is to suspend the rules. If we don't suspend the rules, we're not even going to be able to vote, obviously, on the amendment that we propose. The amendment that Senator Schimek and I are proposing is not, again, what was printed and what many senators may still feel that it says. It does not, in any way, cost the schools a nickel, it doesn't do that anymore. It simply provides a program or fund within Social Services that says young people that have children, that are still eligible for high school, will be provided, by the State of Nebraska, day care while that parent is within school. It also implies, in the amendment,