

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Just a procedural point more than anything else, Mr. Speaker. The way the question is divided I believe we have two votes. The first one that you'll be voting on is the addition of the additional child welfare workers, which both Senator Wesely and Senator Crosby have eloquently expressed a need for. I would also like to make one other point, and that is since it's less than 15 minutes until lunch, I'm glad that everybody in here, who is a child advocate, didn't stand up and support these, because there are many, many of us. That's the good news. But it might have taken us a long time to do that. But I want to just express appreciation to all of you in here. I think the Nebraska Legislature has distinguished itself nationally as a leader on children's issues. And this indicates we're willing to put our money where our mouth is. There's much more to be done, as has been indicated, and there will be a number of studies initiated both by the Health Committee, this summer, and by the Select Committee on Children. So I just want to say that I appreciate the support of people in this body for children's issues, and now back to business. You're voting, at this point, on adding additional child welfare employees. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of Section 2 of the divided question, of AM1845. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of that portion of the amendment as offered by Senator Warner.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. Section 3, Senator Scofield...excuse me, Mr. Clerk. Senator Scofield, will you handle it?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Yes. Section 3 we've discussed. Let me just restate, so you know what you're voting on here. This section is the increase of 20 percent for Title XX day care rates, and it also holds harmless those fee paying clients. Both issues were discussed previously. So, with that, I would simply move this section. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any discussion? If not, shall the amendment be adopted? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.