

mean by special needs and what do we mean by individual categories and I can tell you that the reason that I have a concern about this, Senator Wesely, is the fact that I had an issue brought to me by day care providers in Hastings during the interim on the equity issue, or the lack of it, I should say, on their payment among the day care providers where there was by someone's subjective decision, the opportunity for some day care providers to be paid more than other day care providers were who were Title XX, who were providing Title XX services. I've been in touch with the Department of Social Services and with Mr. Maney and he has indicated to me that the department is in the process of making some equity between the payments through, I guess, administrative changes, but I would like to make sure that this is something that is going to be placed in statute. I want to make sure that if you are a day care provider and someone else in the community is a day care provider, that just because they happen to know how to put pressure on the worker, the caseworker, or...and I think it was brought out somewhere else that some people know the rules and some don't know about how you go about getting more, that, in other words, I want to see a rate that all are paid and it shall be based on if they are being reimbursed for Title XX care for children, that there is a flat rate for Title XX children and that there is a...I guess, more speci...more...it's more specified as far as what we mean by special needs and by the individual categories. Can you explain to me how we're...if we're covering that in this bill? And if we are, because I was going to put together some legislation and I have it in rough draft form right now.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR SMITH: Wait a minute, you know what I might do? Wait a minute. He's going to take all my time, isn't he? Okay, remember that question, Senator Wesely, because now I have two more for you. Press your button. Okay, now, Senator Wesely, if you'll look on page 9, because Senator Beck made me want to have a little more detail than you gave her on the question that she asked you in Section 9. I guess I would like to ask if you can just tell me out of curiosity for my own self here, how do we make a determination about whether or not a day care home is required to have a license or not? That's just for my own information. And I have another concern that was brought to me, again, by a different day care provider in my district who