

handout states that all parents must be notified if a child in a child care facility has a contagious disease. For the record, who determines the contagious disease? Under what conditions are the people notified? Say a student stays home from the care center with measles or mumps or what have you and they don't notify the care center this has happened. Would you clarify just exactly a little bit why and how they are supposed to do this?

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, yes, Senator Haberman, first off, the Health Department has a list. They identify contagious diseases and what this would say is if the center is notified by the parent of the sick child that the child is sick and all this, unlike the scenario I laid out in Omaha where the center...see, what happened was the center said we don't want everybody else to know that...it was meningitis is what this child had that they didn't want the rest of the kids to know that. They were afraid they'd all not show up to the center, they'd lose income. If they know of a contagious disease, then they would be required to notify the other children and so it would be only under that circumstance that this plays out.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Wesely, what if a child shows up at a center with red spots? Are you indicating in this language or in this bill that the person in charge of that center is to say that child has the measles or what have you? They're making a judgment here that I think is outside of their realm, they're not trained for this.

SENATOR WESELY: Can I respond?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Senator Haberman, that's already the situation. The current rules and regulations say if a child shows up to your day care center or whatever, and they have a contagious disease, measles or something, you can't accept them for fear of contaminating the other children so it's already required.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Who decides they have a contagious disease? That's my point, who is going to decide whether they have a contagious disease or not?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, obviously somebody with medical training