

SENATOR WESELY: No...

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you, Senator Wesely.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hartnett, please.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, if I can ask Senator Wesely some questions. Senator Wesely, will there be enough facilities to handle...I can see more people take an example of with this Title XX, we're getting money, you know there is more places for them and I think we went with Senator Ashford last year to visit St. Martin DePorres in Omaha and so forth, and that seems to be the message that the women were giving it to us there that if they would get back, they would find a job, they would go for some additional training if they had some place to put their children. I guess my question is, if we do this, I see more children coming in to take advantage of day care centers. Is there adequate facilities to take care of them, is my first question? I guess that's my main question. Is there adequate, will there be adequate facilities, adequate day care centers to take care of this? I see an influx of people using day care services, you know, especially in metropolitan areas that I represent, so that's my question, Senator Wesely.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Would you respond, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, Senator Hartnett, you are right about the situation on Title XX. If we would adequately reimburse, you would have more of these individuals on welfare willing to go into training, going into the work force if they knew that their children would be safe in a good environment. I don't know that it will necessarily...it might increase to some degree the utilization of day care services because these people would be working instead of staying home on ADC taking care of their children, but I think that's what we want. We have seen, if we adequately reimburse, I think the marketplace will respond. For instance, I quoted early on that we went from 2,600 day care programs of services in 1985 to 3,400 in 1989 so there has been an expansion. The biggest barrier to further expansion is inadequate reimbursement, so if Title XX is there to adequately reimburse, I think that people will respond, but do we have enough facilities now? I don't think so. I think we're constantly looking for more day care providers across the