

figure to it. The bulk of that money is for Title XX reimbursement. As I mentioned, 200,000 goes into the training. I think that's, as Senator Crosby very well put, the need is there and we should have that sort of resource but the bulk of the million and a half goes into the Title XX. But again, I would hope that after last year's initiative on our part we would finish the job and make sure that these Title XX families have adequate reimbursement for their day care. I did pass out for you a yellow sheet that does show where we went to in the action last year. We went from day care homes, from \$30 a week to \$36 a week. Well, as we talked before, we do need to identify different areas of the state. Across-the-board statewide program won't work because it will cost more in Omaha and more in Lincoln than it will in some areas of the state for day care. But I can tell you in Lincoln the \$36 a week is just woefully inadequate. I pay, as I said, 55 and \$65 a week versus 36. You're rarely going to find very many day care providers willing to take a child for \$36 a week. And so it will cost money to bring that up to the level it needs to be and that is the big bulk of the cost. But I should also point out that the federal government, when they reconvene in Congress, is looking at a number of pieces of child care legislation and it's looking like there will be something passed in the next few months. If that happens, they are talking of money available for training, they are talking of money that might be available for some of the Title XX expenditures we're looking at, and so it is possible that the big price tag that Senator Scofield pointed out, in a matter of weeks, may not be quite as big. We won't know that for a short period of time. Hopefully, short period of time, but in the meantime we need to proceed with an understanding of the objections and goals that we...objectives and goals that we should have for this area and so the Title XX is the big ticket item, the training is the other and it's money well spent in my book, but at this point, again, I want you to know that the federal government is looking in areas that might ease the burden that we face fiscally in those two areas. So as Senator Scofield said, I'd hope you would advance the bill, recognizing the fiscal impact and understanding also that we're cognizant of that and we'll keep working on ways to deal with it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The Chair recognizes Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Question.