

caring for that kind of child, that you don't...aren't allowed the discretion as a caseworker to make the determination at the local level that this day care provider is someone who has been around, who has done a good job for us, who is always taking kids when we ask her to do it in Title XX and so now I'm going to give her \$2.00 an hour more than someone else in the community. That's my concern and I'd like to have that very specifically addressed because that is the piece of legislation that I will otherwise introduce. All right, I thank you very much for that, and at this point in time, I want you to know that I'm very supportive of this piece of legislation with the understanding that it's very clear to those of us that work in this area at all that Title XX shows a great disparity and not only that, but an underpayment in all programs, not just in the area of child care, but in elderly services, reimbursement for senior programs, et cetera. It goes all the way across foster...

SENATOR SMITH: ...excuse me, for foster parents, et cetera. Five minutes already?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Haberman, please, Senator Wehrbein on deck.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, may I have a question of Senator Smith, please?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Smith, would you respond?

SENATOR SMITH: Sure.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Smith, would you like to have my time?

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I yield my time to Senator Smith, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Smith, please.