

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you. But all I wanted to do, I was nearly finished and I thank you, Senator Haberman. Rex is really worried and wants to make sure that I get every one of my questions answered and I think I have been responded to by Senator Wesely. I'd like to have you then so, for the record, give me your perspective of the question that I just asked you, Senator Wesely, on page 6, again, about the listing and the equal reimbursement. Yes, I'd like to have him respond.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: And I would like to respond, Senator Smith, because your problem, I must admit, I wasn't as clear about it before and now I understand what you're saying, is exactly the problem that we saw before. This individual contracting was not to our liking. It was too...

SENATOR SMITH: It was subjective.

SENATOR WESELY: It was too subjective and what we do want to see is this marketplace in Hastings, for instance, look at the market and then have a schedule and have it across the board so this is what you get for Title XX in this area and that area and you don't have that sort of gamesmanship that has occurred in the past. You were absolutely right, that's exactly what we want, and if it's not clear, we'll make it clear in the bill because that is what our intent is.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you very much, and thank you, Senator Haberman.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wehrbein, followed by Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, I do have a couple questions for Senator Wesely, too, please. I'm not too familiar in this area, Senator Wesely, but on the fiscal note that we have already briefed on, rates for special needs children would average 17, \$20 a day. No data is available on number of Title XX day care children with special needs. It's on the fiscal note, page 1 about in the middle. My question is, how widespread are special needs children now in day care centers in Nebraska? I'm not familiar in that area, and if they are, is there going to be any mandate on their part, the providers, to get into providing for special education children?