

care workers, but we also, if we want to do the job right, they need to be trained. They need to know what they're doing and the turnover burnout rate that Senator Kristensen was talking about is really part of the problem. They come in, they have too big a caseload, they turn around, they just can't keep up. It's...what a terrible job to go in and investigate these terrible things to these children and it's difficult to maintain staff. If they had less of a workload, they'd stay longer, the training would not be as big a problem and I think we'd be better off all the way around. So hopefully there is some advantages to lowering the caseload and having people last longer with the training and experience that they have, but in any event, your questions are anticipated, I think we'll be able to deal with them and I will get you some information that hopefully will clarify it further.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you. And it would appear from Senator Kristensen's comments that perhaps in order to make more effective use of CPS workers in outstate Nebraska where there is a significant geographic area that perhaps the department might well look at better organization of the use of those times to try to reduce the travel time, make more effective use of the people within whatever constraints they have. Thank you, Senator Wesely.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schellpeper, please, followed by Senator Haberman.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. President and members, LB 720 I think is a bill that has a lot of far-reaching benefits. We need to look past the A bill. I think too many times people look at that A bill and think oh, gosh, it's going to be \$3 million. We need to look past that and just look at what it will do for the children of this state. This bill needs to compete with all the other bills out there. I think we need to move it on, get it up to Final Reading and then let it compete, but at the present time, this bill is very important. It needs to compete with all the other bills. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, we have an amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner would move to amend LB 720 by striking lines 10 through 15 on page 2 of the bill. (See page 209 of the Legislative Journal.)