

it. We cannot send the children to day care and say, sit over there in the corner or in the playpen and play. You need to have some programs and you need to have people who know what they're doing directing those programs. One of the points I want to make this morning is that here we heard a lot of rhetoric this week about the pro-lifers don't care about the children after they're born. That's not true. Here is a pro-lifer who...why, against abortion on demand, I want those children to be born, I also want them to be taken care of, and this is part of that care. The other thing I want to point out to you, to make very clear, this is not a compulsory program. We're not lining up two and three-year-olds and saying they have to go to school. This is for the mothers who work and, remember, most of them work because they have a necessity to work. They aren't these big glamorous people on L.A. Law and that kind of thing. That's not the working mother, that is an image that's projected in a fiction story. You must remember that. So most of them are out there working because they need to keep the family together. A lot of them are single mothers, heads of the households and they have children that have to be taken care of. So it's not a compulsory program, it's simply an opportunity for the state to help the education department...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...to set up some model programs in four different locations, as we spelled out in the amendment, in order that our children do get a good beginning, those of the children who do not stay at home and who are in day care centers and who go to these areas where they spend most of the day, so they do get a good start socially and otherwise. So I urge you to vote for the bill, and thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Beck, please, followed by Senator Wesely.

SENATOR BECK: Thank you very much. Mr. Chairman, and members of the body, I think this bill probably has a fine intent and I'm glad that it's going to be a pilot project. I just wanted just to sound a word of caution. At this point, I'm not certain how I'm going to go with this bill. I think that there are relationships with LB 678 and you heard me question the amendment and you notice that I voted for that amendment, so that there would only be one board. And I think both bills, there are relationships with both bills, and I guess what I