

on the rates, and that it won't cause an escalation of other care folks, whatever, if it is a day care center or home or whatever, because I am concerned about that, too. Will it constantly raise the rates, and then we will be fueling a raise out there in the private enterprise and then have to be covering it with tax money ourselves, and I think those are valid questions. And then I guess I will just have to say this, if I have to vote against this bill, it is not because I don't believe in these concepts, and I want to see that Title XX funding, it is not. Basically, if I have to vote against it, it is because the two are put together, and I just think it is an overcomprehensive bill. I think the Title XX funds should be voted on separately versus an early childhood education program. And I guess I would have a question for Senator Wesely, one, do you have documentation that our market rate will not cause others to raise their prices and then we have to match it; and then, Senator Wesely, are you willing to separate the bill in some way so that we can vote on either one or both of the propositions in the bill? And so I will give what remaining time I have to Senator Wesely, if he could answer those questions for me. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. I would be happy to try and answer Senator Beck's questions. Frankly, Senator Beck, I think you are misinterpreting a lot of the bill, and so I hope I can help clarify it for you. First off, on the market rate impacts, this is not going to drive the market. It is going to simply lag behind and reflect the market. The idea is not to have Title XX setting the market rates, it is to survey the market, have an idea of what everybody is charging, and then have Title XX reimburse along those lines. Right now we realize how poorly funded Title XX is and how disadvantaged these young families are that are on Title XX, the poorest of the poor not able to get child care, and so I am pleased to hear your concern for that and support for that particular item, but by bringing us up to market rate, rather than driving market rates up, I think it should help the matter, as I said with Senator Schmit. By having us adequately reimburse Title XX,...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...it will not cause a disadvantage to day care providers and, thus, have them charge higher rates for other