

SENATOR WESELY: ...and childhood education and this bill was part of that context, but the things Senator Beck read to you were much beyond this bill. The only thing this bill has that reflects anything with the schools is that it does allow an option to school districts, if they so choose, to provide transportation to and from day care to their schools. It is purely an option. It is an option that some districts would like to have the chance to pursue but others may not wish to. I don't think we should deny them that right if they want to, but if, in Auburn or anywhere else, they decide they don't want to, this doesn't force anything whatsoever. The other elements of that letter that were in there, and I did read the letter, are involved with other legislation, not this, and so I think we don't want to misinterpret what is happening here. In addition, the other letter from Archer Dawson Agency, I don't know if you have all got copies of that, but it talks about the training and getting "for profit" people involved in it, and, again, taken out of context, there would be a problem, but all they are saying is that we don't want to see "for profit" competitors coming in and taking over that training program, and that is my intent, as well. It is not, hopefully, going to happen and the department, I think, should be put on notice right now by this record that we don't want to see that, but this bill, itself, does not create that problem or force that issue.

PRESIDENT: Time. Thank you. Senator Langford, please, followed by Senator Smith.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Like several of the other, Mr. Speaker, like several of the other people, I am worried about some of the things that are not said in this bill. For one thing, as I read it with the amendments, we have an open-ended funding mechanism here that each year the market rate could be taken in any area, and if it increases, this means that social services will come to the Appropriation Committee for deficit appropriations. There is no set amount goes into this program. It has to be evidently an open-ended funding mechanism so that the Legislature will have no way of knowing the actual cost that we will be facing in any budgeting year. Something else worries me.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Smith.

SENATOR LANGFORD: In here...I haven't finished.