

for whatever reason. Sure.

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: I would like to take the remainder of my time to respond, at least in my perception of the way the program works now. In my area, I don't believe that I have seen that the children who are being provided care under Title XX receive any different kind of care at the day care services. I think what happens, the people that are really, if you want to call it being discriminated against, is the provider who, in my understanding when I talked with the Department of Social Services folks, was that, well, we look upon this as a kind of a community service, that those people should be doing that, they are just volunteering. And I said to them, you know, what kind of a person is going to be, you know, who is out there working, is doing it because they want to volunteer. If they are getting paid for a job, they want to get what everyone else is getting, and so that was...I haven't seen that. I just wanted to clarify that. I don't think those kids are getting any different kind...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ..of care, Senator Wesely. I think it is the person who is being asked to take the Title XX child when the other rate was much higher in the private sector and being told this is all we can reimburse you for, but yet you are supposed to do everything and provide everything the same way, which they were doing. I wanted to say it on their behalf. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Beck, you are next, but may I introduce a guest, please, under the south balcony, a guest of Senator John Weihing from Gering, Nebraska. We have Joyce Hillman, Joyce, would you please stand up, who is the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce at Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and, might I add, doing a very good job. We are happy to have you. Would you please welcome Joyce, and, if I may say so, Joyce is thinking seriously of running for the Legislature, so would you please welcome her this morning. Thank you. Senator Beck, please, followed by Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR BECK: Okay, thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, I want to tell Senator Wesely that I think that the intent and the desire that he has in the bill is basically very good, and with