

then the last thing that I just want to mention is cost to the local communities. On page 17 of the bill, it says we will promote the involvement of businesses and communities in the development of child care services throughout the state by providing technical assistance. Now that appears to me that that is going to be the community's cost to provide that technical assistance to providers and potential providers of child care services. And I don't want to ding the bill to death. I want to congratulate Senator Wesely for the bill and for the intent that drives it and for his interest. I don't want that misunderstood one little bit, but if I can't vote for this, it is going to make me feel very bad because I want to support the Title XX mothers. I've worked with these young women and I know that we need to provide slots for them, we need to give this money to these providers,...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR BECK: ...and so I would just beg you, if at all possible, if we could get together with Senator Wesely and split this bill, and so that we can either vote on one or both concepts, but for those of us who are concerned about the cost and so forth of the training and so forth, what are we going to do? We are stuck with not being able to vote for it, and that bothers me a great deal, and I would like to have, if at all possible, I would like to see that happen. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hartnett, please, followed by Senator Lamb.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, and members of the body, I plan to support this bill because I have, you know, continually supported legislation that helps young people, and I understand, because last year before the session began I think, under the leadership of Senator Ashford, we went up and visited up in the one part of Omaha where there is a need for this, this program such as this, and I see the need. And the young...the women that spoke to us that day said that they felt that one of the things that were holding them up from getting on the work force so that they could be a wage earner in our society, they simply said that the thing that was holding up was the cost of day care. They could not find adequate day care, and, hopefully, this bill will lead to providing additional day care for people that have the need. I guess I would like to ask Senator Wesely a question, if I could, because I think he has, you know, done a