

job, take more time, to check out, to license, to train, to do all these things where there is 1,048 of them than when there are 109 or 204. So there is a big difference, a great big difference. That is why the Lamb amendment says, fine, where you have a problem and out of 1,048 of them you are going to have some problems, many, many more problems than out of 200, that is five times as much, so let's go with Senator Lamb's amendment. There is a difference. Then if they discover it isn't going to work, we can come back in a year or two and change it. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Smith, please, followed by Senator Wesely and Senator Crosby.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Lamb, I am going to support your amendment. I know Senator Wesely doesn't like to hear that. I am sitting here and I am thinking about the options that they might have in, not only in rural Nebraska...or I guess rural Nebraska to me means anywhere where you have a regional concept as far as the offices are concerned, and so I would not like to even see it limited to those that have fifteen thousand as population because when I am sitting here I am thinking about, for instance, a family where a mother of, let's say, three children elects to stay at home, and yet could use a little income, or you could put it the other way around when you were talking about, you know, where she couldn't afford to stay home and take care of only three children, but maybe she wants to stay home with her three children and this is an option for her to make a little money on the side, and so she has an arrangement, a private agreement with one of her neighbors or her sister, or I guess it wouldn't be a sister, it wouldn't be family, a neighbor or a friend to keep her two children, and so that would be something then where they had this private agreement between themselves and government intervention doesn't have to interfere, but my second concern is that...I mean, the reason that I am really supporting this comes down to the fact that we all know what we had to do a few years back throughout the state within the Department of Social Services and the areas that they cover. We made big cuts and what we did was combined counties, removing county offices, for instance, and so what we have out there now is some of the conditions that we were talking about, Senator Kristensen outlined some of them one day to you where you had this travel time, you end up talking...have you ever tried, Senators, to call your Department of Social Services at the local level on a