

Friday? Or, in fact, have you ever tried to talk to any of the workers on any given time just at random? The answer you get, as a senator, usually is, I am sorry, they are not in the office right now. So you can't even ever find them, and lots of times you find out that they have already...they have used their hours for that week and so out of necessity because they can't work overtime are not even around for the rest of the week, on a Friday, for instance. So what you have here then is we are going to maybe ease it up a little bit for those people out there, not only the workers, but particularly for the folks. How are you going to get workers to go around and check up on these kinds of private arrangements that you might have between two families, for instance, let alone with the day care provider services that they already have to do? And so what I am saying is I guess I am going to support this idea. I think that it makes sense to me. And then I'd like to amend it in some way or another to reflect any of the counties that have the regional concept as far as the office is concerned, which would, I think, maybe take in the concerns that we have. It's not just 15,000 or less population county. Adams County has a population of, what, 30,000 approximately. We're in a multicounty situation there. So I will be looking at that at a later time. Thank you.

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

SENATOR WESELY: Well, the handwriting is on the wall, Mr. President. I understand where people are coming from, but I want, just for the record once again, to indicate my opposition to it. What you're talking about again is a lowering of standards and recognition of needs of rural children versus urban children. If the rural senators want to do that, I guess I understand. But I guess I don't understand because, in my estimation, you're changing a system, you're changing a structure that has been in place for a number of years. And what is the justification? Well, they don't like it, or they don't feel good about it, or the rules and regs were a problem. But what specifically are the problems out there? The rules and regs that we have have been adjusted, and most of the problems that people came to us with have been recognized and changes have occurred. And yet still we keep having this come back to us and recognizing that there is unacceptability of having the state involved in trying to protect children. Well, I don't think there is an unacceptability. I think the state has a