

care is passed in two different bills, the ABC bill passed the Senate, another version of it passed the House, so they're now in conference. We anticipate that that conference committee will come back with a joint bill some time within the next couple of months. It's hard to...that's one reason I should say I can't answer your question, because who knows what they're going to come back with as the compromise bill between the House and the Senate, but it's anticipated some version of child care legislation will pass the Congress. We anticipated that potential. And one of the reasons we have in the bill this coordinating committee that is established in the Department of Education is so that we have all the agencies talking and working with one another to be able to meet whatever does come down to us from the federal government. But I don't want to interject what that will do to us, because I don't know, I really don't know. But we would be ready to meet whatever they do come to us and say we have to do. As for funding, there is substantial money being talked about in those pieces of legislation. It's likely that they will provide assistance for training. And, if that's so, then we wouldn't have to utilize the money we budgeted for training, we could utilize that money. It's anticipated that they'll have assistance for low income in day care, and other assistance for day care providers, in general, different programs that they've talked about. So, obviously, probably a year from now when we come back into session, if legislation does pass and become law and is budgeted, then we'll have to make further adjustments in all of that. But, hopefully, it would ease up some of the fiscal burden of this bill. But at this point it's hard to judge exactly what all that will be. That's the best I can do at this point, Senator Beck, in answering your question.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator McFarland, please.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: I'd just call the question again, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, that won't be necessary since there...but I thank you anyway. Senator Wesely, on the advancement of the bill. You're closing now.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Well, this has been a couple of hours of interesting discussion on the topic of child care. And I really don't mind too much going into it like that. I think it's a very important subject and