

taking a couple of hours here and we took another hour or two the first time on General File and I really do want all of us to be more aware of the issue. Child care is an issue that's come of age, that we've realized the importance that our society has placed on it, that we now have two parents earning income, that we have child care utilized by most young families. And I certainly know, from my own personal experience, how important it is. It's a topic that will be growing in importance. Even as important as it is today, I think as the years go on we'll see even more emphasis placed on it. The Congress is, obviously, placing that as a priority; this Legislature has, through previous legislation. And, hopefully, you will support this advancement of the bill now and pass this legislation. I've been interviewed and talked to a number of people around the state about how good this Legislature has been with children. And I must say that I'm a little disappointed, obviously, with the Lamb amendment. I think that we took a step backward with that amendment. But overall I still believe the bill has got very many positive attributes. The Title XX money is there, the ability to provide for some training to help our providers do the best job possible, there is a coordinating commission and an advisory committee that don't really have much authority but still will help us keep on top of the child care issues that we face. I think overall that this piece of legislation is going to be very good for the state, that there are some concerns by people that have misread the bill, or misinterpreted some of its provisions. But I still believe very strongly in what we can get done. And, despite some of the amendments that have been adopted, I do believe that we need to go forward. With that I move the advancement of the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor say aye. Opposed nay. It is advanced. There's an A bill. Shall we talk about that, Senator Wesely?

CLERK: Senator, I have Enrollment and Review amendments. (LB 678A.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Lindsay, please, on the....

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 678A.