

people, who do not know what they're doing, to take in a foster child. They must know what is entailed, they must know what kind of psychological problems they might run into. They must have some kind of knowledge ahead of time and not just say, well, yes, fine, we'll take this child, we're going to get some money to do it and so on, on that basis. So, I'm just very pleased to support this amendment, and would urge everyone else to do so. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Bernard-Stevens on the Smith amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Would Senator Smith yield to a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith, please.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Smith, I, too, favor the amendment. But you said something that caused me to have a question, and that is, I, as you both, realize that there are fewer and fewer number of foster care parents out there. If I understand the amendment correctly, any foster parent now, who would have two or more children from different families, under the foster care program, that they would have to have specific training. Is that correct?

SENATOR SMITH: I don't know that this is a provision of this or not. But I can tell you that they...that numbers of those people are very supportive of this. I don't know whether that's actually, you're seeing...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I know that, but maybe I'm looking at the wrong one. But maybe I'm looking at the wrong one. I'm looking at AM2741, on page 1076, is that...on the Journal?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, and what it says is after the effective date of this act no license shall be issued pursuant to this section, unless the applicants has become...has completed the required hours of training in foster care. And then above that, in the section, it talks about no person shall furnish or offer to furnish child care for two or more children from different families. So I'm putting the two together and saying, if I have two or more children from different families,