

adopt a similar amendment to another bill, but that was only for counties of 15,000 and less. This would be for every county for the whole state and this is brought primarily because of Senator Moore's problem, but also I've had a number of other people say that they believe that this should be expanded to the whole state, that a caregiver should be able to keep five children rather than three without a license and what is the logic behind it? The logic is that it is very difficult for a number of people to get people to care for their children because a lot of people cannot afford to just keep three children. If they can keep five, then it's more of an economically feasible job and they can do it. They are unwilling to go through the red tape that it takes to get a license which is, I have been told, quite considerable, inspections and there was a worst case scenario where one of the inspectors was giving the caregiver a bad time because she used vegetables from the garden and there was rust on the toys in the sandbox. So we recognize that at some point there needs to be some regulation, however, we should also recognize that the parents have a responsibility to decide where that child should go and that responsibility should not be abdicated, that parents are able to discern a safe environment for their children and should be given that latitude. And so this just takes big brother a little bit out of the lives of the people. I think it is something that should be done. I hope you will adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Senator Lindsay, you're next, but may I introduce some guests first in the south balcony. They are guests of Senator Lynch, and we have 19 seventh and eighth graders and their teacher from Blessed Sacrament School in Omaha. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. And thank you for visiting us today. Senator Lindsay, please.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I rise for the purpose of questioning germaneness of the amendment. The amendment deals with article 60, or excuse me, 19. The bill deals with article 66. The bill itself deals with home health aid services. The amendment deals with day care of children. I think they are substantially different and would request a ruling on germaneness.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Scott Moore, would you like to talk about germaneness?