

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Moore, would you like to close, please, on the suspension of the rules?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, if I may remind the body we are voting on a suspension of the rules and so Senator Lamb and myself consider the amendment basically becomes the issue. And what that amendment quite simply does is raise the number from three to five and make it so that if you care for instead of four or more under present law, six or more children in a day care situation, that person wouldn't have to become licensed. Rather simple what it does. Now, Senator Wesely raised a number of issues and he talked about some particular instances and as Senator Lamb so aptly mentioned, in one of those instances they already were licensed and the problem occurred. Another one that he mentioned that is in my area, the fact of the matter is that under present law that situation was not licensed and this amendment would have no effect on that and that's all I need to say about that. I mean, the present law didn't have any impact on that and so both of those instances that Senator Wesely brought up, the whole issue of licensure really has no impact on them. In many ways it proves that our present law is not working like it should. As I mentioned there is a variety of problems I have in my district. If the body would be so inclined to raise this number up we could solve some of those. Senator Lamb, it's not like this issue has not been before us before. The bill has been introduced, we've discussed it a number of times on this floor and I think it's at least proper to be considered which is what the rule suspension is about and if we can get the rules suspended then we can go back and talk once again about the merits of the amendment. I think the merits of the amendment speak for themselves. So with that, I would ask the body for the proper number of votes for a rule suspension.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is, shall the rules be suspended? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please vote if you'd care to. A record vote has been requested. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 1269 of the Legislative Journal.) 11 ayes, 9 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to suspend the germaneness rules.

PRESIDENT: The rules are not suspended. Do you have anything else on it, Mr. Clerk?