

General's Opinion, correct that they can do this, if they would elect to do so. But I just want to make it clear that you were right, they could elect to go through the process of contracting to get this same service, but they would be paying a part of it. The seniors themselves would be assisting and paying for the services they'd be receiving, instead of just giving this...having this handed to them. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. There are no other lights on. Senator Abboud, do you wish to have this your closing, or did you wish your own time before closing?

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, I have a couple of comments, first. The...this particular situation, because it affected the cities, and I think a large majority of the cities actually are currently providing some sort of funding, whether it be a lunch program, whether it be a shuttle bus service, whether it be some sort of funding, giving money to a senior citizens group for Christmas, supplying copying machines for a group, these are all a part of providing services to the elderly. Now, there is no doubt that a city, they are like any other body. They are looking to keep their budgets tight, and any place they can look where they can get another organization to provide funding, they surely will do that. This is a good bill, and I think that it's a bill that will find a home someplace. There were a number of bills dealing with this particular subject matter earlier. A lot of them were on consent. There is not a lot of homes for it right now. Senator Nelson agreed to allow this amendment to be added. And at the time I was going to add it on Select File, but we were waiting for that AG Opinion, which there was no doubt in my mind it was constitutional, but we waited, it came back around on Final Reading. It looked like a nice little bill that was noncontroversial. I remember last year I had a bill dealing with sudden infant death syndrome, and Senator Hartnett was nice enough to let me attach that particular amendment to his bill dealing with foster care review, which subsequently was vetoed. So I (laugh) always trying to find these bills that appear noncontroversial. This bill looked noncontroversial until this round of debate. And it's not my intention in any way to muddy the water. Senator Nelson has a very good bill here. The amendment added by Senator Landis strengthened the bill to make it even better. And, if there is any hint that this bill could be struck down because of this particular amendment, I would not like to see that happen. So at this particular time, Mr. President, I would like to withdraw this