

LB 836, and it deals with the opportunity for the Commission on the Status of Women to provide a grant program to assist individuals starting up child care in their home, or a child care center. Senator Warner, can I ask you a question? Are you, under this amendment then would it not be possible if this Legislature determined that that was an appropriate role for the Commission on the Status of Women they would not be allowed to administer that program, if we established it by another piece of legislation?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: The way this is worded the appropriation probably would go to an existing...probably Social Services. I was not thinking of your bill, Senator, I was thinking of some other bills that have, and I know there is at least one in education where the effort is to coordinate...set up a coordinating body instead of having five or six agencies involved and an individual, not knowing where to go, or...and it just seemed to me that to establish another agency to independently offer programs was not consistent with the broader policy of trying to have things coordinated. And my assumption here was the word "assist", to allow them to do those things that they would then be done in cooperation with other agencies who were involved in that same clients welfare.

SENATOR WESELY: So, for instance, under the concept I just outlined, instead of the money, under what you're proposing, instead of the money directly going to that entity, to the commission, and that commission administering the grant program, you could rather work this to say the Department of Social Services, and then from there they would perhaps subcontract to have...

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR WESELY: ...(inaudible) fund.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR WESELY: I see. Well, that makes sense then. I would support the amendment. I was a little concerned, we are going to change that provision of the bill, and I think reflect exactly what Senator Warner is talking about, trying to get better coordination. But we don't want to also tie the hands of