

funding elements of the bill. Since that time a couple of things have happened and I guess I don't know if I want to get into this at this point too much, but the funding issues I think have been resolved and I'll deal with those later. The committee amendments though deal with legislation brought to the committee by Senator Moore and Senator Lamb dealing with licensure restrictions for family day care providers. One element of the legislation they brought to us clearly needed to be adopted and that clarifies the question of how many children are counted in terms of family day care home situation and how they're counted before licensure is required under our statutes. Currently it's a bit unclear. It's four or more children, but it isn't clear whether that is four more children at one time or whether it's four more children period, and by adopting the amendment, again, taken from legislation brought to us by Senator Moore and Senator Lamb, it clarifies it is four more children at one time would have to be present in the home in order to then have to be licensed so that an individual could have at any one time three or fewer children and not be licensed, but that could mean seven, eight, nine, even ten children but they're only there for a certain few hours a day and don't overlap and, thus, that only three at one time. That's really the point of that registration anyway, to try and limit the number of children at any one time that a provider has to care for. So that's the committee amendments and I know that there are other amendments to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. I'll now recognize Senator Moore followed by Senator Rasmussen. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: On the bill, I guess, I will talk then.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay. Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Madam President and members of the body, I just want to rise in support of the amendment. I think it's important to clarify what we're trying to do here in terms of the ratios being established by the state as appropriate for quality child care and it simply identifies that no more than four children at any one time rather than total number of children that a provider might be caring for which might vary greatly, particularly if they're doing before and after school care. So I would urge you to support this committee amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. Is there anyone