

out to be not much different than licensing.

SENATOR WESELY: Uhh, it would be similar, it would be similar, but obviously not mandatory.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: All right, thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Mr. Clerk, is there an amendment on the desk?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Lamb would move to amend the bill. (Lamb amendment appears on page 1902 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Madam Chair and members, we've had a big discussion here on the floor about the situation where whether or not the three children that can be cared for include the children of the provider. Now I clearly remember in the past that it has been three children plus the children of the provider. They did not count in that and so the amendment, if you'd care to look at the Standing Committee amendment, page 1, line 7, it says, no person, starting on line 5, no person shall furnish or offer to furnish a program for four or more children at any one time from different families. Now I'm sure that in the past different families has been interpreted to mean families other than the provider's family but there is some discussion here about that and so I've offered this amendment to clarify that. And so it just strikes those two words, "different families" and inserts the words, "families other than that of the provider", so that if a provider has a child she can still care for three additional children. It's a clarification and I think it would eliminate future discussions like we're having here as to exactly how it works for the day care provider who is not licensed, the number of children that could be cared for and this amendment would clarify that it's three children in addition to the children of the provider. I would ask that that amendment be adopted for clarification purposes.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Is there anyone who wishes to speak to the Lamb amendment? Senator Smith, and then Senator Wesely.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body,