

people that are doing this and that really has been a change in tone in attitude of the people working on it. Senator Smith was talking earlier that the study that she was quoting did take into consideration the distance travelled and whether or not children were spending long periods of time to get to child care environments. Unfortunately when you do a research project you end up giving an aggregate of the total state and what Senator Smith is suggesting is absolutely true, that we do know that there are some counties where there is not enough child care slots available and that there are counties where there may not even be any child care being provided. So there are pockets throughout the state where there are some serious issues in terms of accessibility to child care. The issue, or the question is, do you then allow for unsafe conditions by letting one provider care for lots of children because there aren't other providers around or do you get real aggressive about going in and trying recruiting additional child care providers in an effort to end up with the same goal of providing safe and quality environments and hopefully it would be the latter of those two would be the solution that we would come up with as in those areas where we don't have adequate child care that we would do things that would try and recruit more providers in those areas. In terms of the transportation issue, those schools that are now doing before and after school child care are not providing transportation, at least at no cost and they're not even charging for it and using school buses for doing that and it's my understanding that this will enable them to do so, but they would also be able to charge a fee for doing that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. I will now recognize the senators in following order: Senator Wesely, Hillman, Robak and Nelson. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: I'd like to further answer, if I could, Madam President, Senator Moore's questions. Senator Moore, let me follow up on your questions, we ran out of time. The question about transportation, the previous legislation we passed allowed the school districts the opportunity if they wanted to, to provide for before and after school or preschool programs that they're choosing. So far very few school districts have chosen to do so. I'm familiar with the program in Lincoln. My own daughter is a part of that program. There they subcontract with the Family Services Association. They put no General Fund, no tax dollars into it, but they do allow on site in the few