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**SPEAKER BAACK:** Senator Wickersham.

**SENATOR WICKERSHAM:** Thank you, M. Speaker. The amendment simply has been passed out to you before. It does two things. It clarifies language in Section 9 by striking out some language concerning findings by the Legislature. I think the real intent of Section 9, and that has to do with voluntary registration of day care centers, the real intent was only to enable those persons to participate in federal programs and shouldn't have gone beyond that. We're simply striking the language that would indicate that there was a broader intent to the legislation. The second portion of the amendment is again clarifying language. It has to do with situations in which you would have to be a licensed day care provider. The current legislation provides that if you are going to care for four or more children that you have to be licensed. The amendment simply clarifies that those four or more children have to be under your control and supervision at one time. In other words, if you have two children come in on Monday and then three different children come in on Wednesday, you would not have to be licensed. You have to have four or more at one time under your control. And, with that, I would simply urge adoption of the amendments.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Discussion of the amendment by...Senator Wesely.

**SENATOR WESELY:** Yes, Speaker Baack, members of the body, I have worked with Senator Wickersham on this. It...I don't necessarily think that we need some of the clarification language but it isn't detrimental and I agree to the amendment, a couple of points on the intent part. We do set up the voluntary registration. It is, in fact, primarily intended to try and allow for federal programs to be accessed by individuals that wouldn't otherwise need to be licensed. So that is correct. There is also the feeling that that would be beneficial to the provider and improve quality but if there's a concern, I don't have any problem with taking that language out. In addition, he does clarify the Moore amendment that we put on the committee amendment. And, again, for the record, we're talking about children in a situation that...at one time and not on an ongoing basis. I think the department is clear about what we're intending here and this should help with some problems on it. So I would support the Wickersham amendment.