

day care, and so that...from there again I think that on this bill, the reason I bring all these things up is that I think you have to have the point of view from business, because business is the one that it's going to impact. It impacts the employees, but business is the one that has to implement it. So, I'll vote for your amendment, Brad, but I do hope, eventually, you can give us an idea as to the fiscal impact. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Ashford, you're next.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Just very briefly, and I'm going to give the rest of my time to Senator Schimek. We...there is, first of all, Senator Crosby brought up a good point that I was going to mention, and that is that the child care issue emerged several years ago, and we've dealt with it, with income tax credits on the federal level. And I know Senator Landis and I have had a bill here to allow employers credits for providing child care facilities on their premises. So to provide an income tax credit to employers to implement this policy, I think, is very consistent with employers partnership with government in these family issues. And it's important that we develop this partnership through tax credits, if necessary. I guess my good friend Senator Morrissey, in his suggestion that corporate American is going to run amuck with these tax credits. I hope he rethinks his decision on the amendment, because I think he will find that that is not going to be the case. At least the employers that I know in my area of the state have implemented, to a great extent, a lot of the child care initiatives that government has suggested that it does, and it also has very generous family leave policies as well, many of the employers do. So...and they take...take that expense themselves. So, in deference to Senator Morrissey, I think he's just plain wrong in his conclusions. I think corporate America and corporate Nebraska is ready to work in tandem, in partnership with government to try to implement these good, solid public policy initiatives. With that, I'd give the rest of my time to Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. I would like to quickly ask you a question, we discussed it a minute ago. I know you're in favor of the concept of this bill. If this amendment doesn't get attached, will you support the bill?

SENATOR ASHFORD: It's going to be a lot tougher. You know, I