

deal on the matter and see if we can't find a solution to the problem that's more fair than what is being proposed. So I'm expressing my concern and frustration. I hope that, again, this issue didn't come up till midway through the session. We didn't have a chance to draft legislation and didn't really have the chance to find a proper solution in the short amount of time we had, but I would hope that the county board will recognize the problem and deal with this reasonably so that we might find a solution that's fair at all parties. And I'd like to give some of my time to Senator Crosby at this point and then ask that I be given a chance to have the remaining time after she's done.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam Chair and members, and thank you, Senator Wesely, for bringing the subject up. It does concern me greatly that Lancaster County is looking at particularly the child care facilities that churches are...sponsor in Lincoln and in other cities in Nebraska. This is a very important part of our child care system. Lancaster County, Lincoln, Nebraska, doesn't have enough child care slots as it is and to put them on the spot concerning taxes right now I think is a disservice to the people who need child care. There's a fine line in the description of child care and preschool and so I do think Legislature should have the privilege and opportunity of looking at the entire policy before Lancaster County does this, so I'm pleased to join with Senator Wesely and, whatever we do after the session, I want to be part of it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Senator Crosby, and I do look forward to working with you and other members of Lancaster County delegation and the Revenue Committee to look at the issue further. With that, my concerns have been expressed. My hope is that the county board will take action that will alleviate the problem but, if they should not, this looks like it will be a major concern next session. I'm alerting the body that it's coming and I do hope we don't have it come, but we'll, I guess, know the answer to that in a couple of weeks. With that, I'd ask that this amendment be withdrawn.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. The motion to return is withdrawn. We are ready to proceed with Final