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area of the bill, to allow people to use neighborhood care for those purposes. I think what you're trying to get at more is the people who take care of kids while parents are working during the day, or those types...or foster care for...

SENATOR BROWN: And especially when it's a business that, in many cases, the business...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR BROWN: ...and the people should be regulated.

SENATOR WITEK: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Is there any further discussion on LB 401? Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Is this in closing?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: You are the last speaker. If you would like to close, we'll count this as closing.

SENATOR WESELY: All right, that would be fine. Madam President, members, Senator Witek, I hope I can follow up a bit on your question to Senator Brown, but we're not changing any of the definitions of what child care is, what a day care home is or any of that. And currently the definition is you have to have three or more children from a different family and then qua...you get paid for that care, and we don't touch any of that. So the examples you gave about the neighborhood kid taking...watching, that's not covered now and won't be changed under this bill, none of that is changed under this legislation. So I know it got a little confusing in that discussion that you had, but just to keep in mind we're not changing any of those definitions and we'd be happy to work with you on any questions you have in that regard. Again, the bill does not have any dramatic impacts on any particular efforts underway in child care. It attempts to take things that we started in 1991 and carry through with them, voluntary accreditation issue came up and for a very minimal amount of money we need to move forward on that and see that that's finally implemented. And other changes are terminology changes. In a lot of ways I would identify this bill as a terminology and programmatic clarification bill that may have some questions, but I think overall will have a pretty negligible impact on things as they