

positive elements of the bill. The two primary ones that we've been talking about would be health care and child care that you would have, instead of a 6-month or 12-month extension in child care and health care, you would now have 2 years extension. And that will then allow you more of a time to get into a job and have that assistance. So child care and health care become critical elements of the moving off of...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...welfare into the workforce, and that's why adequate reimbursement for child care becomes critical because you have more time, but if you can't get a child care provider, having more time doesn't do you any good and that's the point we're trying to make. The other two elements.. the two major elements of this bill are adding approval of the waivers the federal government has sent back to the state and approved, and the other is deleting language from the bill last year that we didn't have specific information, we put it in the bill, we said, answer these questions. And these are some of the answers we're trying to solve for ourselves right now on the floor.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay. Thank you, Senator Wesely, for those comments, and I did not mean to ignore the other people who were sponsors of this bill, I'd appreciate hearing their comments on that also. I just...you and I had talked about that before and I thought maybe that would be a useful dialogue for people on the floor to hear that also, so thank you, Senator Wesely.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Crosby, your light is next, followed by Senators Brown, Wesely, Chambers, Bohlke and Warner.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President and members. Two things quickly. Senator Bohlke, you did say one thing that I've been asked to...and maybe later if you speak you'll speak to it again. You said something about a woman could choose to pay more child care, a higher rate if she wanted to. I don't believe she can, the 75 percent is it, even if she co-pays, even if she co-pays I don't think so. So...but, no, that's all right, I don't want you to use my time. You might go back to that to be sure that everybody...my point is so everybody understands it, yeah, okay. The second thing, Senator Witek said something about someone who went into this program with children possibly, there's no possibly about it, you got to have