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SENATOR CROSBY: ...are out working, so we have to have that day care. Senator Witek, could I ask you one quick question?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Witek.

SENATOR CROSBY: You mentioned going to (microphone momentarily turned off) (inaudible) now?

SENATOR WITEK: I'm sorry?

SENATOR CROSBY: Are you going to university classes right now so you need day care?

SENATOR WITEK: No, not at this time. I have gone periodically.

SENATOR CROSBY: When?

SENATOR WITEK: The last time would be right before I got elected.

SENATOR CROSBY: Well, okay, and who took care of your children?

SENATOR WITEK: The next door neighbor.

SENATOR WITEK: Well, you were really lucky. Thank you very much. Some people have relatives and some people have...but when you're going to university classes you aren't gone all day, normally. You go to a class or two if you're carrying a small schedule. So that is a little different than a woman who has to go to a low-paying job every day and try to keep that family together. So I just don't think that kind of thing helps us solve the problem that we're looking at here today. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Madam President, members of the body, I wanted to respond to Senator Witek yet again that the market rate survey exists, we already have it in place. There will be absolutely no change, in my estimation, of the way the Department of Social Services goes about establishing what the market rate is and establishing what the 75th percentile is. And we have had, every two years, a market rate survey that provides for us the 75th percentile as a goal to attain, and yet we've always had a check by the Appropriations Committee and