

allow that to happen and so I agree with the concerns being expressed. I'm suggesting another alternative to address those concerns. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Bohlke a question.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Bohlke, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bohlke, is the providing of child care for the recipients that we're talking about, one of the main thrusts of your bill, LB 455?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Child care was certainly one of the main issues.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If we say that we're going to provide child care, but we don't allow enough reimbursement for the child care to actually be available, how can we say we're providing child care? How will that be achieved, in other words, in reality or practicality if the amount of reimbursement we offer is so low that no providers are willing to accept these children?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Chambers, I'm not aware that there's been a problem with providers at the level that we're at.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did you hear Senator Wesely's discussion?

SENATOR BOHLKE: That at one time when it dropped below 60 percent that they had a real difficulty.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'd like to ask Senator Wesely a question.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Wesely, would you yield to a question, please?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is Senator Wesely available?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, he's coming to his microphone.