

at school, and we'll kind of arrange that out. There are instances, believe it or not, in child care that are still occurring out in America today that government is not reimbursing somebody for. So what we're talking about here is just the instances that government is reimbursing people for, and we're talking about a study and tying it to the consumer price index and making sure that the costs are really high. We're tampering with the market out there,...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...as government loves to do, go into a market of business and tamper with it and get costs so incredibly high that people have to drop out of it, that they can't afford to pay for people within the neighborhoods anymore because they're not being reimbursed maybe, but then we'll reimburse the cost of an actual accredited or something care program within the schools. We are the ones who put all those rules and regulations in there that tamper with the market system constantly. And I think it's fine with just the Wehrbein amendment. I see no reason to put some kind of arbitrary 60 percent bottom on reimbursement of child care. And I think it's an issue that we've already dealt with pretty thoroughly and we've come to some good solutions to at least try, after all this is just some testing here we're doing here, it's not like this is going to be the entire, as I understand it anyway, and correct me if I'm wrong. So let's go ahead and try it with just the Wehrbein amendment. I see no reason to do the Wesley amendment, and maybe go on to the next division of the question so we can get to discussing...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Time.

SENATOR WITEK: ...these other things.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens and members of the body. We've been talking about only one part of the equation in terms of child care. We have been talking about the reimbursement rate for providers which is directly related to the availability of child care. But we also have created, with welfare reform, a two-track system. One track in the transitional welfare part of it pays up to 185 percent of the