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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Wehrbein, on the amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Senator Jensen, may I ask some questions? And it's certainly...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you respond, Senator Jensen?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...it's certainly true the Appropriations Committee introduced this bill because we were concerned about the rather large overrun above the estimate, and it's our present understanding that this is going to continue and may well be higher next year, so the body understands. What the correct way to do it is I'm not sure and these are some ideas, in a lot of ways, and we were going to have the study to see. But I wanted to ask how...how old are the children? Is there an age limit on children that are involved in the child care as far as the subsidy is concerned?

SENATOR JENSEN: There is not a limit. Certainly, the majority of these children are preschool age. Then, when they get into school, there are other programs, latchkey programs, so on and so forth.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And that's what I wondered. I know that...I assume that that will be part of the study because certainly after a child is six years old there is certainly a much more limited need for child care in terms of cost than there would be from one to five. And I...I don't know if you have any of those numbers or...

SENATOR JENSEN: I don't have those numbers. You know, there could even be kids up to 12 years old. Certainly for those who...who...children are off during the summer, off of school, they could be in that child care number.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: But we really don't have a good handle on those numbers.

SENATOR JENSEN: No, we do not.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I know there's some concern in here