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SENATOR KREMER: I'd like to...thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members. I'd like to ask Senator Landis a few questions before I decide how to vote on the amendment, to get a little better understanding on the basic bill.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Landis.

SENATOR KREMER: The way I understand, the corporation or business gets a credit. Do they pass any of those savings on to those that are using child care?

SENATOR LANDIS: Well, the ones who are using the child care are employees, and the employees are having the cost of their child care paid for by the employer.

SENATOR KREMER: So they would not be charged then for the child care if...?

SENATOR LANDIS: It's possible that they could be charged for child care if it was, let's say, an on-site location, that might be possible. There is nothing that requires that not to be...that you couldn't do that. I will tell you this, that the waiting list that exist, which indicated there are at least 6,000 slots unaccounted for, children for which people want child care for, for which there is no slot. Any slot, no matter how it's created, will have demand.

SENATOR KREMER: Okay, I guess one question I had, I think it was mentioned that they could contract with a...with an existing child care provider, and that could also be an off-site provider, so it could be that they could contract with somebody that's already providing child care and they would pocket the credits and there would be...and what would be new about that, what would...?

SENATOR LANDIS: Well, they would pocket the credits but they would pay for the child care, and the child care payments, if those employees were currently paying for their child care, they would be relieved of that cost.

SENATOR KREMER: Okay. Okay, so they would be required then to