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SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. I need to ask Senator Brown a few questions please, if she would respond.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Yes.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Brown, how does this affect the current licensing procedures that we have in the state of Nebraska right now? Is it...does it make it...do you have to add more hours? You have to have group training, these kind of things?

SENATOR BROWN: Yes. Currently, and the legislation is modeled a little bit after Iowa's licensing requirement, but currently you have to have 12 hours yearly and all those hours can be done in self-study, and this increases that to 22 hours. CPR and child abuse and health issues are included in that 22 hours, and 8 hours must be in a group setting so that there can be some sharing of the issues that are dealt with. We have higher requirements than this for people who groom animals than we do for people that care for children, and we have no educational...entry level educational requirements, so this is an ongoing level of an amount. I spoke at a conference for family home providers and one of the speakers...I mean one of the women who addressed this provides home child care in the military and they have higher levels of training requirements, much higher levels, and a monthly inspection in order to be an approved home in the military.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Brown. I do have a concern about how this is going to affect people in, well, let's say Nickerson, Nebraska, or Wood River, somewhere like that, that there are...that's probably all there is, is in-home day-care providers. I wonder if we're imposing...would be imposing something a little too "instringent" upon them. Where would they get their group meetings, so on so forth? It's kind of hard. In the city it's a little different. You're able to attend classes. They have organizations that have been formed. They have neighborhood group sessions. In Dodge County it's not quite that bad. They have a county group of in-home day-care