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care then the amount of the credit would drop to 10 percent and it would be up...rather than the 30 percent, and it would be up to 25 percent of the business's...firm's total tax liability. Now, the reasoning behind this amendment is trying to figure out what it is in terms of state policy that we're really trying to achieve here and I would suggest to you that by addressing early child care, preschool child care, and accredited, high-quality child care we are...those two things amount to a big part of the load we're trying to deliver here. Without those two elements I'm not sure that the objectives we might achieve are really all that substantial. Would, yes...would, yes, provide a tax credit for a business firm, but in terms of leading them down the direction of providing the elements of child care that we're really in most need of, I don't think it would work. So, with that, I'll stop. I'd be happy to address any questions, but I would urge your support of this amendment because I think it will address more directly the goals we're really trying to achieve with this particular effort. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Raikes. For debate on the Raikes amendment, Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Landis and Wickersham.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think Senator Landis has properly read the mood of the body, which is that the Hilgert amendment is the only thing that will be contained in LB 925. Senator Raikes and I have had conversations in the past and he emphasizes to me, although I think he is overstating a situation, that he is a plodder, that he thinks slowly, that it takes awhile for things to soak in and for him to digest and grasp the significance and consequences. And when I have a lot of time I just nod with him, say um-hum, go along, and then when he gets through I say, not a word of what you said is true. However, if he has failed to read the mood of the body this morning I will say that either he wants to make a statement or, on this particular occasion, maybe those characterizations are true. I doubt that, however. I'd like to ask Senator Raikes a question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.