

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office

April 4, 2000

LB 914, 925

shouldn't apply to anything that's already existing. I think it maybe also ought to have a sunset in the mode that we're now establishing with credit programs, such as Senator Matzke's bill that has advanced. It ought to have a sunset. And the other thing, in the net cost area, Senator Landis, so we can begin to make our catalog really complete, is that the netting process that we talk about for these businesses ought to cause an exclusion for any costs incurred for children that were not children of employees of the business. What if they just, in effect, open up a day care and say, welcome, public? We're going to cut our costs here; welcome, public. Should we be paying for that? So there are a number of issues that would have to be addressed with the main body of LB 925, in my view anyway, if it advances to Select File. The...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...difficulty...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Chambers, on the advancement of LB 925, followed by Senator Landis, Raikes, and Wickersham.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, whichever of these propositions is the albatross around the neck of the other, under no circumstances should a living albatross be killed. That was the mistake that was made in the poem titled "The Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner". I don't want to see the bill die at this point. I do not want to see it fail to advance. So what I intend to do is see what mood the body is as far as a form of the bill that can get enough votes to advance. I am more interested in what has been identified as LB 914. I do think mothers should have at least one year to spend with their children, so that I can very enthusiastically and without reservation support. The other part is something that I'm going to allow the more knowledgeable people to discuss and wrangle about until it reaches a stage or a status which I can understand and see as being worthy of enactment by the Legislature. So my focus at this time is on LB 914. If, in order to have LB 925 advance, the contents of...the original contents of LB 925 have to be retained, that's the direction that I will go. If, on Select File, it appears that the bill