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there are a number of states that go far beyond what I'm asking for. In fact, not only are the percentages higher in some states but the list of states that, for example, allow new construction, there are at least a handful. My guess is at least 6 or 7 of those 22 that specifically list construction as a kind of cost that you could undertake. This narrowing is untoward it seems to me towards the goal of the bill. I have to say, measuring against the yardstick of what other states allow, the provisions of LB 925 are on the narrow side. Compared to what Senator Wickersham wants, they're on the generous side. I confess. I just think that Senator Wickersham...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...doesn't have a charitable view for what it takes to realistically run the child-care center and to make those appropriate adjustments. I would resist the Wickersham amendment. I hope that you will allow us to have the broader definition which is in AM3330 rather than the narrower definition that Senator Wickersham asks for in this case.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Crosby, on the Wickersham amendment to the Landis amendment. You're recognized to speak.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I decided it's about time some woman spoke about day care. And even though a lot of men, Senator Bourne right now has to look after his little one, I know that happens. But as a rule, women are the ones who decide, pick up, take in, whatever, as far as day care. Back in 1988...I'm just going to tell you a few things because I think we're kind of missing the point as to why we have this bill. Back in 1988, which seems like a long time ago, day care for children was more or less emerging as a given because so many women had gone back to work and/or continued working after they were married and when they had their children. And during that campaign that year, some business and university people got together and said they would have a day-long workshop about day care and invited a lot of people, and they thought maybe 30 people would come. They had 100 or more who came, business people, candidates, state senators, all kinds of people who knew that we were facing an issue here that