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SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Does striking Section 3...what's the practical implication of striking Section 3? Would that then prohibit an individual that is now eligible for services, for transportation services with HHS, for example, from calling a taxi cab service on a holiday or a Saturday when perhaps they don't have other individuals available? Would that prohibit that?

SENATOR BAKER: Let me make sure I understand the question. If it's simply calling a for-hire carrier and it's not an approved carrier, they'd have to pay that out of their own pocket, I believe. Now, if it's an approved carrier for HHS, they still have that option. I'm not sure I understand the question here.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Senator Byars in his opening spoke of maintaining choice for the clients. I'm talking about the Health and Human Service eligible clients. Under the committee amendments, that choice is still viable?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, certainly it is. We are not excluding pay-for-hire. This is simply providing an option.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Okay. I wasn't really clear on what the striking of Section 3 really did, and I apologize for not being thoroughly acquainted with the bill, as I have not had that much exposure to it until today. And Senator Baker, also in Senator Byars' opening he spoke of excluding parents and legal guardians because they already have an obligation, if you will, to provide for the transportation of the children. It seems that your committee amendment just...is it...does the committee amendment then essentially strike that, in terms of being a relative, and now it's open to any individual that may be reimbursed for transportation services?

SENATOR BAKER: The bill itself read, a nonlegally responsible relative, Senator Synowiecki, meaning it could not be a parent applying for this, a nonlegally responsible relative. We broadened that in the committee amendment to include...simply say, an individual. But then we put the stipulations on that individual. It has to be chosen by the eligible person, and so on, Senator Synowiecki.