

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

March 22, 2006      LB 968

only comment that I have and I'll return the balance of my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK:    Thank you, Senator Stuthman.   Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I stand in support of the Byars amendment and I do it for two reasons. One, of course, is that it really isn't going to cost us anything. But, number two, if you look at the language in the existing statutes, I don't understand why they're not already covered. They aren't, but every other kind of service is covered, it seems to me. For instance, well, religious purposes is; private educational institutions; private colleges. But then we get down into the section that says any hospital, health clinic, when two or more hospitals or the parent organization of a hospital's own or controlled health clinic. It goes into skilled nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded, nursing facility, home health supply, hospice or hospice service, or respite care service licensed under the Health Care Facility Expenditure (sic) Act. So you can see that...oh, and then it goes on to any licensed childcare agency or any licensed childcare (sic) placement agency. I don't know why this isn't already on the list, Senator Byars. It makes eminent good sense to me that it should be, so I will be supporting your amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK:   Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Byars, yours is the only light on. You're recognized to close, if you care to. Or you may speak, if you care to, also.

SENATOR BYARS: Well, I'm a little concerned that we don't have all the members back for a full vote, so I think I will speak for just a moment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may do so.

SENATOR BYARS:   Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Schimek, thank you for your support. You're absolutely right, there just is no reason. There's been a recognition of the...of this...of