

a minor change to the bill, but let me tell you something. The little change that he is talking about, from two to four, all it does is go from two to four, has been fought over in this Legislature for every year since I have been down here. That is six years. And every year Senator Newell tries to change it and very courageously and every year we defeat that purpose because as Senator...and every year we try to stop that effort by Senator Newell, and the key point is once again as Senator Vard Johnson talked about, is that we are talking about minimum standards for our day-care services in the State of Nebraska and it is an area in which we need to have those minimum standards. This effort was first brought to us with Senator Burrows and Senator Newell did try time and again to try and change that and maybe he was successful in some ways and maybe not. But in the end the key point is this, we should have those minimum standards, that we should have some minimum rules and regulations by which we provide for our day-care services and it seems like this change is no less significant than from a "may" to a "shall", and a "shall" to a "may", when a one-word change seems like it is very insignificant but when you really look at it, two to four once again has come up in the past and has always I think been defeated on the basis that we need to have those minimum standards there for our day-care services. I think that it is wise that we reject this effort and go back to the bill. I think what Senator Johnson is really trying to accomplish with this legislation is to expand in areas that are now in the gaps in our regulatory effort to try and allow for those standards to be applied where they are not now applied. And to move in the direction Senator Newell is taking us would be, I think, in the opposite direction that Senator Johnson is trying to accomplish, and I would ask you to reject the Newell amendment and get back to the issue at hand which is the Johnson bill as presently before us.

PRESIDENT: We are discussing now the Newell amendment, and I have names up here for the amendment as well as for the bill, and you will all be requested to speak when the time comes. On the amendment now I have Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to support Senator Newell's amendment. I know that there are those that feel every phase of life