

right now that doesn't do what we've already funded. In another case I had of a divorced woman where the husband had visitation rights on weekends. He was neglecting those children, making them walk two and three miles and the youngest was four years old, and when those children would come back after spending the weekend with their father, the four year old might not have had a diaper change but once or twice on the whole weekend. And again Child Protective Services said, our hands are tied.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: They hide behind the Privacy Act all the time, I can't tell you anything about it, Senator, it is an invasion of the privacy of the child. I said, I don't care about the child's privacy, I care about protecting that child. Now I want to know how much money we actually allocate today from the general fund that goes to Social Services that goes to Child Protection before I vote yes or no on this bill. I see this handout about child abuse and I've been trying to find in there where it says all of the child abuse cases come from parents. What if it comes from a baby-sitter like I just heard on the radio or television today about a child care center where they had been sexually molesting little children? Are we going to take the owner of that child care center and rehabilitate him?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time is up.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I just want to say that I'm going to give this a lot more thought and I guess I'll have to bite the bullet if the news media says Marge Higgins is against child abuse prevention. I'm not. I just want to see it up front and I want to find out how much we're spending now and where the heck the money is going. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for your indulgence.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I just want to stand and make a comment. I've heard all of this talk this morning about placing a burden on certain people to pay certain fees, but I didn't hear all of this talk when year after year after year we raise the park fees through the drivers' license, through the registration of automobiles. Everybody has to pay those, but not everybody