

state. And that's fine if that's what the introducer's intent is and I won't speak to that, but I know that there is a number of individuals that I represent that rely on this type of child care so that they have the ability to go to work and I thought that's what the intent or one of the intentions of this proposal was. This would allow...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Hall, that is time, but you're recognized for your next five minutes.

SENATOR HALL: I'd yield to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I yield to Senator Hall.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: The ball has been thrown back to your court, Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members, I'll continue and, Senator Chambers, I'm sure that's probably one of the last times you'll yield time to anybody, but anyway, the issue Senator Wesely says he can answer those questions. Senator Wesely, if you would respond.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR HALL: What is the current rate of reimbursement at present?

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Hall, there are three markets that we survey. It's not a statewide average, it's Lincoln, Omaha, then the rest of the districts, the social services. Let me give you Omaha. Omaha, on an infant on a weekly basis is \$71.60, for toddlers, \$65, preschool \$65 and school age 65. Those are almost exactly the same for Lincoln except for \$70 for the infant. For the rest of the state it's lower. It is \$60 for an infant, toddler, or preschooler and then \$56.25 for school age.

SENATOR HALL: So at presently, Senator Wesely, there is three markets, right?

SENATOR WESELY: Mmm, hmm.

SENATOR HALL: Under this amendment how do we retain those three