

SENATOR CARPENTER: Does the Senator now say that he understands the bill? Or is he just against the philosophy?

SENATOR DICKINSON: I believe that I understand it, but I am opposed to it, yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: But you are opposed to the general philosophy of helping children?

SENATOR DICKINSON: I am not. I am opposed to the general philosophy of the society of...imposing its influence wherever it may be on young children whom I think should grow up under the mold of their parents. The parents have the responsibility and the privilege of raising children. I think that is where it should stay. I realize that Senator Kelly has circulated a release that he gave to his local newspaper which very well I'm sure describes his intent I'm sure on this bill. This is fine, I'm not sure that the bill will confine itself to that intent.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Then are you opposed to helping helpless children?

SENATOR DICKINSON: No, Senator Carpenter you are trying to put words in my mouth.

SENATOR CARPENTER: No, I'm not, I'm putting them in your mouth.

SENATOR DICKINSON: No you are not, you are trying too, I'm not accepting them.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well I'm trying to find out what your trying to do. I think that I understand, but may I proceed Mr. President?

PRESIDENT: Go ahead.

SENATOR CARPENTER: What the Senator said is completely not so. This bill had an ample hearing in the committee which reported the bill out. It was discussed on this floor not once but many times, and I'm sure that everybody understood the contents of the bill. Now there are some people and rightfully so, who believe that all of these children should be left at home and that the mothers and the fathers ought to assume the full responsibility in so far as their education and their surrounds and things like that are concerned. I can understand that. I don't presume that those people feel that way will in any case take advantages of this bill if it becomes law. Now the welfare department made a study and I'm only guessing at the cost of the study. But I would say that it was in three volumes and very comprehensive and what did it show? It showed that in this state we have 200,000 children from the age 12 down. It showed that the state of Nebraska has taken care of only 3% on the state average. It showed for example in my county as an illustration that we have 4,700 children who are in this general category who may or may not take advantage of the law if implemented into law. In Omaha as I recall there were 50,000 children in the same category and they were taking a care of around 5,000 as I remember. Now by accident I read these reports, I don't ordinarily read them because I don't have time to read all of the reports that are