

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, I would oppose striking the enacting clause and would like to supplement Senator Carpenters remarks, he has done an excellent job of explaining what the bill does and I would like to take my few minutes to explain what the bill does not do. Now the bill does not turn the children of Nebraska over to the state to educate and take care of. It does put funds in the welfare department and it mandates that the welfare department shall take care of those children with the limited funds that they have so that in those instances where the children are floated in what I would consider the gutter of the society they can through this program get some day care services so that mother can learn to be a citizen of this country and take care of her children as she wants to do herself. It is supplemental to the aims that we all have for all of the children of Nebraska. Now it does not build a single building of any kind. It is not creating child care centers. It is mandating that the welfare department take part in well a...a.in day care center programs that are now established in private industry and this would be done through the grant system to the mother to choose what type of day care she needs for her children. If...those then are the things that it does not do, and I'm sure that those that are skeptical of the bill should be aware that it is not doing those bad things that they may have in their minds.

PRESIDENT: Speaker Proud.

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SPEAKER PROUD: Mr. President, this may be a sad thing to say but this is the first time that I have taken a close look at this bill and I haven't made up my mind how I'm going to vote but I think that everybody in here should get out there book on Final Reading and look at the bill. A lot of things have been said about it will do and what it won't do but we can all read the english language and this could be a very extensive piece of legislation. Now I have got a few questions for Senator Kelly. As I say I am seeking information, believe it or not. I trust that Senator Kelly will yield.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly, yield?

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, I would yield in conjunction with Senator Carpenter, my partner.

SENATOR PROUD: Alright, this bill says, and it is only two paragraphs, it says that the department of public welfare shall make a provision for statewide child care services whenever state expenditures may be matched with at least 75% of federal funds. Now Senator Kelly, and with whatever aid you need on this, to me that says that anytime a congress puts up 75% of the funds, for child care services, no matter what they are, that the state has got to put up 25%. Is that the way that you understand that?

SENATOR KELLY: No, what that says to me Speaker Proud is that the budget committee has recommended one million dollars to the welfare department, LB972 would mandate that the welfare department provide these services and that they can not use that million dollars out of general funds unless they have the three million federal.