

the living and therefore is unable to provide a life. Those people need help too, through day care centers and we are mandating that our welfare department provide for these people to the best of our appropriation ability.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: I don't think that you answered my a question. You still haven't said what they are going to do, if they don't work.

SENATOR KELLY: No, they are working now, Senator. Those mothers are working now. So those mothers who would work to support their children, if they could have the training or the employment to work.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: One more question. Now child and I'm quoting from your...child care centers like nursing homes are better handled like private companies. Now, are those going to be private run day care centers?

SENATOR KELLY: These day care centers exist now. We are not building any new ones in the state of Nebraska and the state of Nebraska is not going into the day care center business. What we are doing is providing the funds and mandating that the Nebraska Welfare Department make grants to these mothers so that they can hire the private services that are now available.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: It intrigues me, like nursing homes, they won't in any way be tied in together will they?

SENATOR KELLY: NO they take an entirely different type of staff to run a day care center and a nursing home. There would be very little parallel between the two operations. The difference is that the state of Nebraska operates some nursing home like the Veterans Home. But welfare department patronizes private industry. In buying nursing care facilities for our elderly, then we would be doing under LB972 the same program for children. The welfare department would be buying day care center services for the ADC children.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: One more question. Senator Stahmer said that the appropriation committee appropriated a million dollars unanimously and it would be free. Where does this free money come from? Isn't that tax money?

SENATOR KELLY: I didn't understand the question.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Senator Stahmer said that the million dollars that the budget committee has put in has...a...it is supposedly free, because they were all for it. Where does that come from? Doesn't that come from general funds?

SENATOR KELLY: Any time a million bucks is free, I would like to see that, but I believe that the statement from Senator Carpenter would have a connotation that means that it is free for the department of welfare to use this million dollars on this program. Meaning that it is not incurred or already spoken for or used elsewhere which makes it free, ha, ha.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: In other words the mothers that are working and doing their very best, they are going to help pay for this million dollars that a...a...for those that don't have to work, right?