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The bill as apparently written provides on page 17, a million dollar in general funds, which will be used only for direct purchase of service. And on page 18 provides \$700,000 which shall be used only for purchase of service. Page 17, pertains to child care, and page 18, pertains to providing of services to the elderly. This amendment also comes from the Welfare Department, and it is their feeling that they are unnecessarily restricted in the way that they could provide both child care and the various programs to the elderly and that they would not be able to provide them directly or through their county agents, but would have to purchase them from private vendors, or in case of child care, as I understand it, licensed county vendors which to my knowledge there are four in the area of child care, Douglas, Lancaster, Scottsbluff and Buffalo counties are the only counties currently operating a child care center. And they ...Welfare Department feels that they would like to have the freedom to go out primarily in the rural counties and set up direct child care centers where there are no private vendors and where there is no current existing county child care center and the same with the various services that would be provided to the elderly. They don't feel that they should be restricted to buying from vendors, neither private or public, which may not exist, and so that these services may be provided in these localities where there is not currently someone in the business, or someone with the current capability of providing these services. They would like to be able to provide these services themselves. And that's the basic intent of the movement or the amendment, and I move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Dickinson, and then Senator Stahmer, Marvel, Kennedy, Kelly.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President and members of the body, I wonder if Senator Cavanaugh would yield to a question please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh yields.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Senator Cavanaugh in your interpretation of this, does this simply in plain language allow the state necessary if they deem fit to build and own land and operate a child day care center.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Senator Dickinson, I don't believe that that is the intent here, to build, own and operate. There is only a million dollar appropriation here, and it's for...

SENATOR DICKINSON: A question please, Senator Cavanaugh, I'm sorry, does it would it..would your interpret of the amendment allow this to happen? REgardless of the...

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: There's no...there's no..I don't believe it would allow them to construct, no.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Own, buy, rent?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: It would allow them to provide the facicillites so I assume that they could spend the monies in such manner that would allow them to provide the services. Right.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Right. Directly, the state.