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as far as I'm concerned this is a...this is a basic philosophy as to whether the state should supervise this program or whether they ought provide the program. And I think our philosophy is then...has been that the state ought to supervise the program and contract for these services where necessary. Therefore, we would oppose, or at least I would oppose the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: I'd like to speak very briefly on this amendment. To the degree that I do know what...how some of the services.. how some of the services are delivered in our area. It's a cooperation of some church people, of some county funds and of some state funds. And in this wording the way it is written, it seems to me that they are saying that they must or they shall, and by changing these words, they are not doing anything different than the programs they are already providing, and in some places the way this wording is, it would do away then with some of those provisions. I would hope that we have a local control. And I think with this minor change in wording, this would give us a chance in the Norfolk area, we have meals on wheels, we have a number of programs that are working very successful, and it's a cooperation. And it's not that they must purchase from vendors, or that they must do so and so with the day care centers. Most of our operations are working very good with the cooperation of everybody involved, so the changing this wording to me would give those people the privilege to continue where they have a successful program going. Now this might be different in some other areas of the state, but I am acquainted in our area. We need the change in words so that they can provide the same services with the same people providing, and a cooperation which I think is working great. But it's a local cooperation, so this wording really just give us an opportunity to continue with what we are doing, and it may be different in other parts of the state, but I'm sure in our area this would give us an opportunity to go ahead and do what we think we are doing a good job. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly, then DeCamp.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, colleagues. This little word changing could flexibility for the Welfare Department is in direct conflict with what I spoke publically on this floor and to hundreds of people around the area as a co-sponsor of LB972 that was to be accomplished with the million dollars to be matched by federal funds for day care centers. That these would be individual day care centers where the parent would have a choice of different types of services in the day care center, that they would not be provided by the state government, and therefore, be still normal day care centers that would be just like in every location. That the parent could choose whether they wanted a baby sitter in a home, or whether they wanted it in an institution with 25 or 30 or 40 kids that the parent would have something to say about it. When we move this all over to provide it. You take the 4 million dollars and provide one building and that could be the day care center in Nebraska. This is no way the thinking that I had as a co-sponsor of 972. I would urge the defeat of this amendment and allow the purchases of services as was agreed in 972 by this body and was agreed by the Budget committee in their work in this area.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.