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SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature. I have an apology to make to the Legislature. Six days ago I told you that next year if we passed that Day Care Bill, next year I said, they will be in here with an amendment so that the state can exactly what we've been predicting, which is set up their own system, rent their own buildings, run a complete state program. Well, I was wrong. They didn't wait 365 days they waited 6 days. And we already have six days after the day care center bill was passed, we have an amendment to put the state in the complete business of starting up, operating, running, handling the whole package, of raising your children. And so I would urge, not only the rejection of this amendment. But I have a substitute amendment, or an amendment to Senator Cavanaugh's amendment, which would go in exactly the opposite direction. Which would do what was promised to us by Senator Kelly, I think Senator Lewis, a variety of others, who said is all we want is to provide some money to baby sitting, to private venders, and this amendment would guarantee that the state can't use the money, and Senator Cavanaugh and some others want of the state agency. But on the contrary would have to utilize it in the private sector of the economy, or dealing with municipal places that already have programs. So at this time I would like to offer an amendment to the Cavanaugh amendment and the amendment states simply....

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp before you launch off into your amendment, the Chair wants to have a little dialogue with you.

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes.

PRESIDENT: You may remember that when these amendments were offered they were offered with the instructions that they be printed in the Journal, so that these would be in front of the people, so that they could read them, and they could make their decisions. I think there is something like 20 amendments up here and we are now working, I believe on number 6. Now, if I accept your amendment here, then that's going to place your amendment ahead of all of these others, and importance etc on this particular issue, and this is going to put me in some kind of a pickle, because I think your amendment should wait and take it's turn in line with all of the other, except that this means that we would have to bypass this amendment for the time being in order to make an amendment to it.

SENATOR DECAMP: O.K. I'm not in disagreement with the Chair. Understand that. I would point out that we are discussing this particular issue right now.

PRESIDENT: Check.

SENATOR DECAMP: Now, if we wait until the end and start up the whole thing again, I think we are losing time, we are losing ground. Either you are going with Senator Cavanaugh concept, which is having the state set up the centers and operate them or you are going with the concept that was promised which was the money would be used to go in the private venders...

PRESIDENT: Let's go this way. Let's have you explain your amendment and we'll take it then in it's order. The body then can have the choice between your amendment or Senator Cavanaugh's amendment at this particular time. That seems to me the way to settle the issue.