

make a decision of this nature and expect to visit with you a little more. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson, do you wish to close on your amendment? Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: I would very definitely like to speak to this issue. I would like to ask Senator Johnson some questions.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell, I only have one comment. Your light, it would be helpful to the Chair if when you have finished you would turn the light off. When you are ready to talk again, you would turn it back on. Then I won't make the mistake of not knowing whether you want to talk or not. So the Chair recognizes you.

SENATOR NEWELL: I wanted to talk on each and every issue pertaining to this bill since it is my bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I think we have had a rather thorough two, two and a half hour discussion on the bill. The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: I am sorry that this is a very difficult bill to deal with and this section is a very legitimate section. Senator, there is a real difference of opinion over this section alone. This is the only part of the bill that has not got a general consensus and quite frankly it is the lawyers who have a problem with this section of the bill and there are a number of horror stories that I can relate why this section is in the bill and I will try not to deal with those in the deference of time and because tearjerker stories on this thing have been heard by many already. Senator Johnson, I do have a question. The question is simply this. What prevents, as Senator Koch asked this question before, what we do with this bill is we say that we prevent private placement and then we list exceptions and the exceptions are: Parent, Senator Johnson, step-parent, spouse, mother, brother, sister, half brother, half sister. Those are the people that can, in fact, have a...there can be a private placement. The other provision of this thing, Senator Johnson, I think you misstated that on this, get the wrong impression of it or something, and the second thing is what prevents a lawyer today from still making those arrangements? The only difference is that with this bill he has to go through the Department of Welfare. With this bill he has to live up with the rules and regulations that the Department of Welfare might make in regard to this so it is basically a safeguard but