

basically are not regulated, are not registered, and from time to time we get enforcement of this law and from time to time it creates a great deal of problems. Now I have served in this Legislature for five years and this is the second time this proposal has been before us. And I can also understand those people who feel that there is, in fact, a need for regulation, but, in fact, I think that that need for regulation has to be similar and fair across the state. We cannot have one set of regulations for one part of the state and another set of regulations for another part of the state especially in this area where, in fact, we have not committed a lot of money or a lot of time or a lot of commitment to find that sort of regulation. My amendment basically would do this, it would say, we are going to deregulate. You will not have to have a license if you take care of five children or less. Now that is your children and whoever's children you may be babysitting, that is we are going to look at the number of children being taken care of to determine whether or not it is a commercial venture. We are going to deregulate five children or less because it is, in fact, a commercial venture. If you have got two kids of your own and you take care of three kids, that is not a major commercial venture and ought to be deregulated and that is what this amendment basically says. In the case where there are more children, then, in fact, that looks more like a commercial venture, and, in fact, the number of kids that you take care of is the criteria in how well and effective you can do that job. So this amendment again is an honest and sincere attempt to compromise on this issue. I would like to ask Senator Burrows to take the remainder of my time and maybe some of his own to say whether he can be in agreement and I would hope that others would recognize this as a sincere and legitimate compromise that is worth this body's consideration.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burrows, go ahead.

SENATOR BURROWS: I will accept the amendment as a friendly gesture to moderate the approach of relaxation. I think the six as the bill was drafted would be reasonable, but if I understand the body and the feeling in this body, I think for passage that it is necessary we accept, and in the great art of compromise this amendment which would considerably relax the situation because most of the babysitting situations that I know of will really be covered, the ones we really intend, with the amendment, and in the area of compromise I would certainly accept the amendment. I feel it is so imperative that we pass the bill and relax the standards and get the state out of these