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Rasmussen. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Thank you, Madam. I have a question for Senator Wesely, please.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SENATOR NELSON: Don, in Section 11 and we create the Child Care and Early Childhood Education Coordinating Commission, a very fine list of people and representatives on that commission. I just have a question and I don't see any excess funding necessarily and so on, but why is it then necessary for the commission, the Status of Women, to administer the \$250,000 fund or the \$10,000 for repair and so on. Aren't we bringing another agency in and why are they any more expertise on that than the members of your coordinating commission that you're now setting up?

SENATOR WESELY: That's a good question, Senator Nelson, and we had the question asked to us as well and the amendments that were adopted, committee amendments, we did make the change and the Women's Commission no longer will administer that grant program. The Department of Social Services will, so...

SENATOR NELSON: Well I thought I read the committee amendments but I guess I didn't read close enough.

SENATOR WESELY: No, no, you were right. It's not in the committee amendments, it was an amendment that was followed to the committee amendments, so...

SENATOR NELSON: Okay.

SENATOR WESELY: So we made that change. You're right. We had realized there were too many entities involved.

SENATOR NELSON: All right, thank you. And another question just for information purposes to me. Haven't they previously qualified for the food program without...is it just, has been a simple registration or so on without being licensed?

SENATOR WESELY: No, unless you're licensed you don't qualify, so you've got to. And maybe they'll voluntarily get licensed to