## Senate Bill #1627

Title: UW Child Care Support Bill

Thesis: Support continued funding for the UW Child Care Service through

Senate approval.

Sponsor: Ken Worley

Date: February 28, 1989

1. Whereas the University of Wyoming encourages the return of non-

2. traditional students to the university to obtain a higher education; and

3. whereas students with children are becoming an increasingly large part of

4. UW's student population and will always comprise a large segment of the

5. student body; and whereas the UW child care service is an essential

6. program to a large segment of students who have children; and whereas

7. ASUW only provides part of the funding for the UW child care service

8. which allows for substantial savings for the UW students using the

9. program; and whereas the UW child care service is currently used to full

10. capacity by UW students (unlike many other ASUW funded programs) and has

11. the potential for growth to serve more students with continued funding

12. making it one of the most successful programs funded by ASUW; and whereas

13. the question concerning the constitutional validity of the program based

14. on the fact that the program cannot be utilized by 100% of the student

15. body has been resolved by the ASUW Judiciary in favor of the program;

16. and whereas the ASUW Senate originally decided to fund the program and

17. should decide whether or not to continue funding and at what level; and

18. whereas if funding is continued, the senate has the option to decide at

19. any future date whether or not to continue funding, initiate a phase-out,

20. etc. based on current fiscal conditions; and whereas a referendum to the

21. student ballot is escaping the real issue because:

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22.	1) It is impossible to disseminate enough information to the voting
23.	student body for them to make a truly informed decision as to
24.	whether or not to fund the UW child care program;
25.	2) A referendum does not allow the student to consider the myriad
26.	options available to handle the funding OR discontinuation of
27.	funding for the program; and
28.	3) The possibility of inaccuracy in the results of voting on an
29.	issue like the UW child care service is too great considering:
30.	a) the small percentage of eligible students who actually vote
31.	in ASUW elections; and
32.	b) the fact that the student population could easily be split
33.	along traditional/non-traditional student lines through
34.	propaganda, misinformation, or simple lack of information
35.	concerning the program;
36. be i	enacted by the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the
37. Unive	ersity of Wyoming that it continue funding the UW child care service
38. at ti	ne rate it funded the program in 1988-89 school year; and further be
39. it er	nacted that this issue NOT be referred to the ASUW ballot for
40. reso	ution.
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