

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...it did was increase the cost of administration without improving the delivery of services. I doubt that there is much concern on the part of those pushing this bill with delivery of services. Everybody seems to be talking during this political year about the dollar cost of everything that we do, every bill. As Oscar Wilde said, these people know the cost of everything and the value of nothing. I am concerned about the people to whom these services are to be delivered, and I don't have enough assurance right now that this amendment safeguards the interest of those people. So at this point, I'm not prepared to vote for it.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I want to give Senator Bernard-Stevens an opportunity, but I hope he won't take all my time, to tell me precisely what his amendment is designed to achieve.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I'll just take thirty seconds, Senator. What this amendment is trying to achieve, and I believe would achieve, is that a comfort feeling would exist within the people in this new superagency that we're creating, that they would feel comfortable in sharing the information necessary with each other in order to provide and make decisions on the services giving to their clients, period.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Where does it say that that is the limited purpose of this sharing of information?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: When it talks in the amendment, shall be construed to pro...nothing should be construed to prohibit the sharing of information, and then you go to the end, to provide coordinated services to such individuals, which refers back to the client.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is there anything you could do to say only for that purpose?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That would not bother me at all,