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SENATOR VENDITTE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR DeCAMP: One issue is recognition or statement that privacy exists, that the right to privacy exists. The specific language you are talking about was adopted, as I recall, a couple of days ago with Mr. Cunningham's complete approval, by the way, as I recall, and all it did was clear up the issue of compilations. The Health Department sitting over there and they prepare compilations or assembling of all the information that comes out. Well in that assembling of information the issue was raised, well do they turn over names of women? Do they turn over attending physicians, doctors and so on? What do they do? Are they giving numbers, statistics or something more? This merely reaffirms an Attorney General's opinion and the agreement...

SENATOR VENDITTE: Okay, John, they can't. They cannot no longer give that...

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Venditte, you have one minute to close.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, thank you. John, is that correct in the first amendment that was adopted by the body? They can no longer give that information to the public.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair is not permitting any more discussion between the two. You will have to close, Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Okay, and Senator John DeCamp just said it, ladies and gentlemen. He said in the amendment that was adopted two days ago, that that kind of information is no longer available to the public. It cannot be made public information. It cannot. Now all of a sudden yesterday, this particular section to the bill was added which is highly unnecessary.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR VENDITTE: It says that under no circumstances shall the compilations of information be submitted. Why? I do not understand why that language was inserted. It is very simple to understand. It is highly unnecessary. It is superfluous and why they are doing it again is a question that I do not understand and I will tell you right now, and I am sure Senator Johnson and Senator Hoagland would agree, that language is highly unnecessary.