

health services and the state came in and set up with some federal monies, I believe, a grant effort that tried to see what could happen if you had a program in place. And it was very successful in helping down there. We did pass legislation to continue that effort down in southwest Nebraska so that we could see on a regional basis how public health services could help an area and I think that's been a very positive impact down there. So we would like to try and make sure everybody in the state has access to these services.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Can you say anything about that demonstration project that would maybe alleviate Senator Labeledz's fears in that regard?

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, yeah, I mean, those things we just don't get into that abortion issue and the county public health departments that are now in place aren't really involved in that. That's a controversial issue they try and stay away from. That's not really not where they're going.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you.

SENATOR WESELY: Uh-huh.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Haberman, followed by Senator Wesely.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Senator Wesely, I, too, agree with the concept of the legislation. However, I agree with some of the other members of this body that it's a pretty broad piece of legislation. On page 4, public health environmental services shall mean services designed to achieve an environment conducive to human health, comfort, safety and well being. Wow! That covers everything, Senator Wesely. And I happened to notice in here it says, food protection. Well, I always thought that food was now underneath the Department of Agriculture, Department of Inspections. They have to inspect restaurants, they inspect handling of food. That is pretty well covered. Then we have water pollution, we're investigating that now. Where is it coming from to be polluted? We have air pollution. I believe we have a department presently working on air pollution. We have rec...let's see here, it says, oh, including swimming pools. I believe that all swimming pools at the present time are inspected by the Health Department and have to get a license and use certain chemicals. And then it says, and general environmental health control. This just opens up those doors,