

SENATOR SMITH: ...where people are appointed sometimes who necessarily are not the person that's the most informed or the best person that...and people at the local level know these people better and that they might make recommendations.

SENATOR LYNCH: I have no problem with an amendment that would provide that the county board should supply three...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...recommendations for it.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, then quickly, I guess I would just say that in summary...and I will have to...I have my light on again and I'm sorry, Senator Haberman, you won't get any of my time probably, that it looks to me as though, in a lot of ways, this is set up following the pattern that is used by the system that's used by the area agencies in the state, the regions that have been established with the advisory councils, and so on. And I do think it's really important that we do everything we can to locate...to have local control, but I do want to make sure that we don't have duplication of services, that we have finally put together something that is going to help our rural people where there aren't services available and that's what I want this bill to do. I want them to provide services but be able to contract to get those out there in coordination and in cooperation with the existing people and services and staff that are already out there, not to set another whole separate layer.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, ma'am.

SENATOR SMITH: So if you can explain that more fully to me, I would appreciate that. And I have some other questions maybe I can get back on again.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired.

SENATOR LYNCH: I'll get...fine.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lynch, yours is the next light, followed by Senator Scofield.

SENATOR LYNCH: I promised Senator Haberman who said he does not intend to help me anyhow, give him the first minute of my time,