

an amendment which said, "on page 4, line 24, insert 'postnatal reproductive health and family planning' after prenatal." For what it's worth, that was the planned parenthood recommendation to us to insert in committee as an amendment. It was not put into the bill. You know why? Because we knew Senator Labeledz was here and Senator Hall and some others that may be especially concerned about this. So Senator Dierks was there turning about seven different colors. So, in any case, I can tell you that when the amendment was considered, as we should, I think there were all of us on the committee that agreed that it was not in the best interests of this legislation to include that amendment, knowing full well the debate it would stir on the floor, and, lo and behold, we didn't put it in and we got the debate on the floor. So tell me what we're supposed to do sometimes. I'm not quite sure. Secondly, as far as the staff is concerned, restaurants are the only...probably the only operations that would be involved in any proposal for some kind of a health program, a public health program in these areas. The Department of Agriculture is, in fact, involved in all food processing, as they should be and continue to be. This does not intend, would never, cannot ever overcome, duplicate, overlap, supersede or anything like that as well. There is probably a need in this legislation also to include some kind of an amendment for participation...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...by the counties because, for those existing health agencies, public health agencies that do exist, in fact, there is extensive county monies. I can remember just recently I was on a Public Health Board and Chairman for a long time in Douglas County while I was a County Commissioner and we shared the responsibility with the city. However, it was always our consideration that it was kind of silly for the people in the city who lived within the county, obviously, to pay twice. The county now...Douglas County now is the sole administrator of that program and the sole funding source...local source for that program. So the city folks don't pay twice, they're served by the county health program anyhow. All this is intended to do is to complement what exists, to plan, to fill in the gaps and where the local jurisdictions and the county advisory and those people representing the county's advisory committee recommend provide filling in for those gaps, but certainly not until then. That probably won't happen for at least a year or two, but we'll never know, you see.