

resulted in the introduction of LB 506 a couple of years ago dealing with this topic. That bill was advanced and then held by the Legislature and it was examined further and now refined into LB 338. The bill was introduced again by the committee, advanced, and when we discussed this on General File a couple of days ago, Senator Labeledz and Senator Smith and a few other senators had some questions. We have been working in the meantime with the senators. Those amendments are about to be offered, and both Senator Lynch and I feel comfortable with the amendments that have been printed in the Journal and would like to proceed in dealing with those amendments and answering those questions, and I think then quickly moving to vote the bill to advance it so that we don't spend quite as much time as we did the last time on this issue. Important as it is, I think the questions that have been raised are answered in part by these amendments and we feel very good about the cooperation we have had with the other senators involved.

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith, please. Okay, Senator Smith, before you do, we have an amendment, that we will take that up now. Thank you, Senator Smith.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Labeledz would move to amend the bill and the amendment is on page 638 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Labeledz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment addresses the serious concerns that I have about this bill. As mentioned during the earlier debate, the definition of community public health services is completely open-ended. Nothing that anyone could think of as a health service is excluded. On page 2, line 24, it says, "Such services shall include, but not be limited to,..." that makes me very, very uncomfortable because I could not support something that I thought could put the force of government behind promotion of facilitation of abortion or school-based birth control clinics. Senator Lynch and Senator Wesely have stated more than once during the debate that the things I am concerned about are not intended to be included in this bill. I know they are very sincere and I appreciate that, but their intent and the way in which the legislation might ultimately become to be implemented are two different things. This amendment gives me and others a measure of assurance that the bill will carry out the intent of the sponsors as they presented it. I think it is extremely