

legislation as it came to me as to how that would impact on a tax increase for the taxpayers of the State of Nebraska. That is why I have had a concern about this piece of legislation. I felt that it was too wide, too broad. It was like a shell which could be developed into a mountain over time, if we didn't do some things to try to restrict it. So for those reasons, I have some amendments that you will find in your black book, and I don't remember the page number. You have a copy of the amendment, though, that has been passed out to all of you, and it is what you will see printed, page 6...I can't read that far, 638, thank you. Okay, what this will do, my amendment is a series of little amendments to the bill, and if you follow in your bill book, you can see what we are doing here. The first thing we will do is to insert the following new section, which will be a Section 10, and it will say, "Provide shall mean the actual furnishing of services, the coordination of services furnished by other public or private agencies or corporations, or the contracting for services furnished by other public or private agencies or corporations." My reason for that is the fact that I think we need to define what we mean by the word "provide". The word "provide" is used in here, that they can provide services. I want a definition of what "to provide" means. On page 2, line 16, strike "14" and insert "15", which makes the renumbering then. On page 6, line 17 after the period insert "Such services shall not duplicate existing health services being provided by public and private providers within the region." My purpose for that is assuring us that this is not something new that is going to be placed out there that is going to be in competition with what is already existing. On page 7, the fourth amendment will be to strike line 5, or excuse me, on line 5, strike "17" and insert "18"; and in line 24 after the word "departments" insert "and other health care providers." On page 8, line 18, after the word "director" insert "based upon recommendations made by the county boards within the region." I want this to be with input by the local people, with the people that are the best qualified to serve on the advisory counsels, who understand the issues, who are not just someone that for some political reason was able to be appointed to this position, and who just rubber stamps. I want these people to be very informed people, and I think that the local people will be the ones that will be the most knowledgeable about that. And then, finally, number six, you just have to renumber the remaining sections accordingly. I will also have another amendment which we are preparing. We were looking and trying to figure out how we would do this, and I have the support, my understanding, of