

both Senator Wesely and Senator Lynch, which will place a cap on the amount of money that can be spent for this program, if you want to call it that, because my concern is when I spoke up...when I first began to speak, and that is that this thing could grow and become a mushroom, and so I think what we need to do is cap it. If their intent is simply that we are going to have these teams out there, that they are going to be coordinated and they are going to be providing some services to folks that are not already being provided, we do need those things in our areas, and so based on that, I could support this piece of legislation if my amendments are adopted.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, please, then Senator Lynch.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President and members, I appreciate very much Senator Smith's sincere desire to deal with this issue. I think many raised questions. We heard those questions and have tried to respond with these amendments by Senator Smith. Again, what she has done is help clarify that we will have local input, the county boards will help determine who is the advisory committees; that we will work with the health care providers, we will not duplicate what they are already providing; that if there is already in place a service out there meeting a need, we are not going to be there trying to do the same thing; we are going to try to fill the gaps under this legislation. It all makes sense. I think there is, obviously, in keeping with the original intent of the bill, no problem with these amendments. They will help clarify and I don't think there should be any doubt that these should be adopted. I would ask for support for the amendments.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, I, too, would stand and support the recommendations in the form of amendments by Senator Smith. I think it would, again, clarify in the statute and through this amendment the scope and, in fact, the limitation for this responsibility. Good idea, I support the amendments.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Smith, would you like to close on your amendment?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, I would like to. I think Senator Warner