

sociological backgrounds of individuals. In the work that I did prior to coming to the Legislature, I filled out a number of these forms, particularly death certificates, and I am very concerned about the breadth and how broad this language really is. Theoretically, under this bill, if we ask economic questions for a death certificate, you may be asking a relative or someone how much money the individual made, and I fail to see how that has anything to do with morbidity, which is disease, or mortality, what caused their death, how much money they made. I think there is also some concerns here about sociological backgrounds. Sociological backgrounds is probably the broadest language possible, that they can ask anything in the world. I don't think under current law there is any statutory authority to ask questions and put them on a death certificate or a birth certificate, and I assume that is what this statute is doing is giving us the authority to do so. But I would, basically, move to strike Section 1 and would ask Senator Wesely if he would respond to some questions about how broad this section really is.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, would you respond, please?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Senator Wesely, under this section, it says here that you may have to put down reasons for termination of marriages onto a certificate, and I guess I probably caught you off guard here a little bit and I will give you time to find that section of the bill. My basic concern is, could you respond to us why we need to have such broad language. It is down in the second full paragraph there.

SENATOR WESELY: Umhuh. This bill comes from the Department of Health and is broad and is not intended to be as broadly implemented as might be interpreted by some individuals. Now at the hearing we had, there were some questions raised by a number of testifiers, well, this is awful broad, what is it going to mean. I think we have satisfied most of those concerns, and the reason is, the responses that there are, if you will note on page 3, line 15, reference to the United States Public Health Service, and there you find different uniform forms are required by them to be filled out. This talks about trying to be uniform with those forms and then also allows for deviation from uniformity that will be...increase efficiency, reduce cost in gathering information and still protect the health and safety of