

people without jeopardizing such uniformity. So the real thrust of this is to recognize some federal requirements for information gathering the Health Department has had trouble responding to. And what we are trying to do is let them have the flexibility to meet those federal mandates and really not to do more with that. Really, it is not intended to go beyond what is necessary.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I guess I just think this really shows it is another federal rule or regulation that asks some very, very broad questions of things that really don't have anything to do with what we want to do, and I have some real grave concerns about asking questions on death certificates about how much money people make, or when you go in to get your marriage license, if you would like to stand up and tell them how much money you have made in the past or how much your spouse has made in the past or some other sociological things like the number of bankruptcies, perhaps, that you have filed, or any other questions. I think this is just way too broad a language and I would move to strike Section 1.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, on the Kristensen amendment.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, thank you. Mr. President and members, I would, obviously, oppose the amendment and ask Senator Kristensen to eventually withdraw this. We do need to have this language. This is supposedly a clean-up bill, and we have one every year from the Health Department, and every time we have one of these clean-up bills, there is always something in there that people are concerned about, I think rightfully so in this case. Senator Kristensen has raised a legitimate issue and I think for the record we need to talk about it. It did come out of the hearing. What we are attempting to do here is not broaden the amount of information that we are already gathering beyond recognizable information that really is already currently being gathered. We get most, if not all, of this information but the federal government has come down from time to time and said on their forms we must have this, and the Health Department is the one that develops the forms and goes out there on behalf of the federal government, and without the flexibility they have in here, the Attorney General isn't allowing them to make the changes they need to to the forms to provide the uniformity they need. So really the Health Department is in a straitjacket at this point with the Attorney General interpretation of the federal mandates, and what they can and can't do under current