

intent is, what are they using in there? They don't have 100 different oils back there in the kitchen, but they get the basic commercial products and they can select from those basic commercial products, those which are relatively low in saturated fats, or if they have them high in it and those that want to go ahead and use it, that's perfectly fine. It's just a disclosure statement that allows the public to know. We make the disclosure when we put a menu out. We have a disclosure of the food that we have. The one thing we have not been doing is that is disclosure of the oils and oils are a significant and common component of our diet and they are significant in the development of the cholesterol level of our bodies. So I just feel that we should know what we are purchasing. Why should we have a hidden area, an area that can be disclosed? Those are my comments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Just very briefly, Mr. Speaker. As Chairman of the Health Committee and also as a member of that committee for eleven years now I have seen time and time again different issues and programs and proposals to deal with how we keep people healthy and how we try and deal with the after effects of illness. And clearly any time we can take a step, as Senator Wehling is trying to do here, to educate the public better about how they can care for their health needs, we're taking a positive step and one that will save money and save lives in the long run. One of the big keys is that once you educate people to watch out for cholesterol and I think finally we've asked people and got that message through to them that they need to be doing that. The next step is how, how can they identify the cholesterol levels, how can they find out the information they need to make a good judgment as to what is in their own best health interests and unless they have the information they can't make a valid judgment. If you take the attitude of the free marketplace and the idea of caveat emptor, let the buyer beware, no buyer can be aware of the situation if they don't have the information. As with many other issues in this body, I think providing the public with this sort of information is good public policy and I would support Senator Wehling's bill and encourage that the detail work that needs to be done yet on the bill be worked out on Select File.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Wehling, would you care to close on the advancement of the bill?