

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, I would like to call to your attention, first of all, LB 338 establishes the Community Public Health Services Act. That's almost about like apple pie and the American flag. How could anybody be against such a glorious and glamorous thing as the community Public Health Service Act? You know, it would be a terrible thing to oppose that. But I would like to call to your attention that this magnificent act is going to cost \$660,000 the first year, \$700,000 the second year and then a million bucks a year on into the future, a million dollars a year for this Community Health Services Act. Senator Wesely, you don't have to look at your fiscal note because I'm looking at it and if you round it off, that's what it's going to cost. So what we're doing here, what we're doing here is we're starting another bureaucracy, another agency within an agency that every year they're going to come forward in the Appropriations Committee and have 800,000, then they will go to 900,000, then it's going to grow to a million bucks a year due to salary increases, due to inflation, due to more side benefits, due to more retirement and you just better believe that's what you're doing if you vote to advance this bill, this A bill. You are voting to advance...when we come back in two or three years when Senator Warner puts out his little green sheet, it's going to show on there 900,000 to a million bucks and we are stuck with it. You're going to be stuck with it. So I would just like to call to the attention of this body that that's what you're doing when you're voting for 338A. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Am I closing?

SPEAKER BARRETT: You are closing.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker and members, Senator Haberman missed an amendment on General File, by Senator Smith, that limited this bill to \$850,000, so, statutorily, we will limit the amount this program will ever cost. It also, as he indicated, has the A bill figures that he mentioned, so there is a cap on the bill. We dealt with the issue on General File. I would ask for your motion to advance the bill so it could catch up to the bill that's on Final Reading.

SPEAKER BARRETT: You have heard the closing and the question is