

to first approving of these types of programs would be transferred to the Department of Health and then the subsequent progress approval with regard to the commissioner would be stripped from the amendment as well. I don't think that it's appropriate to...no reflection on the current commissioner, but I don't think it's appropriate to have these types of programs which clearly are within the supervision and oversight of the Department of Health and who currently provide approval for these types of programs, I don't think that that should be transferred now to the Commissioner of Labor and in this aspect I think it should stay there. I think they can work well together. I don't think there is any problem having the approval process, basically a list that the Department of Health has already put together, and allow those programs to be used. I appreciate Senator Coordsen's statement in his opening with regard to the amendment. He did touch on this aspect, saying that it would allow for the Commissioner of Labor to possibly designate programs that wouldn't fall under the purview of the Department of Health. I don't know of any that probably would not fall under the Department of Health's approval that would possibly be under the federal department of...federal labor area that would not be something that would be approved by our own State Department of Health. And if they were not, I would question whether or not we would want to even allow for them to be an approved program or an eligible program for these individuals. I think that we should, when we put this in place, if we decide to, that the treatment program should be one that our Department of Health has approved. That's the reason for the amendment. The other part that I strike out coordinates this amendment throughout so that there is no reference at all to progress reports to the Commissioner of Labor. I would urge adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion of the Hall amendment. Senator Coordsen. (Gavel.)

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, again the Department of Labor, as I understand it, wanted to transfer this authority to the Department of Health so that we would have the Department of Health approving programs for the Department of Labor, rather than having the Department of Labor approving programs of the Department of Health. Probably not the best way to do this. I would imagine, in practice, that the programs would be those programs that were approved by the Department of Health, but to do it the other way could well