

SPEAKER BAACK: Discussion on the amendment by Senator Wesely. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Senator Wesely. You referred to the sanitarians, I believe was Ed Norton a sanitarian on the "Honeymooners"?

SENATOR WESELY: No, he was a sanitation worker.

SENATOR MOORE: Sanitation worker, that would describe a sanitarian?

SENATOR WESELY: No, not exactly. (Laughter.)

SENATOR MOORE: No, not exactly. Okay. My question...the question, on a more serious note, is you mentioned that by changing this name that there was a thought at least in the Department of Health that there would be increased activity, therefore increased cash. And I guess my concern is that there's been a couple other incidences where the Department of Health has thought this would happen, most importantly on water testing with something where there would be all this activity, we won't need any General Funds, and now we come back later and ask for increased General. I guess if there's not...if a lot of Ed Norton's don't come in and pay their fee, on the back side is there any jeopardy of spending...making...over committing to the point where on counting our chickens before they are hatched there, I guess?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, let me tell you that we still have an unresolved problem with a deficit in terms of expenditure in this area the Health Department is trying to collect back on, and there aren't very many of these individuals. The fee they were going to be charged, they were looking at \$150 fee, or something along that range. You know, doctors, I think, are, what, \$50 a year, is that something...so we're going to charge these poor little sanitarians \$150 a year, and docs pay only \$50 a year. The sanitarians themselves came forward and said, we think we can help deal with this by changing the name, and there will be more of us that will file. And so this name change comes from the sanitarians themselves, and the Health Department agrees with the name change. But I must tell you that I don't know that it resolves the problem. There probably will still need to be some fee change, and the fee...other fee changes here may have some impact to help as well. But it's the