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SENATOR LYNCH: I know where you're coming from.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Why can't that be part of the Cancer Registry? I mean I just...like I have a lot of interest in Alzheimer's disease, maybe I'll put a bill in next year for Alzheimer's disease, and you're going to get up and ask me the same questions. I mean I have no problem with the bill. I'm sure there's a lot of good for it. But I...adding another half of a bureaucrat, I do have some problems with it, especially when I've been told there are two or three people that work on the Cancer Registry. Now why couldn't they take care of that?

SENATOR LYNCH: Yeah I would...Senator, I wish I could say why they couldn't. Originally, they asked for a full-time staff, and after some discussion, then they agreed that given the hours a week that may be necessary to begin with, more than later on once it gets established, that maybe part-time is enough. But when you look at an agency that has a...

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...budget of six or seven million, and they've got 250 or 300 people over there.

SENATOR LYNCH: How about 60 or 70 million, in some cases. But, you know, I...I...I...for all the rest of you, since Bud and I...since Senator Robinson and I serve on the Appropriations Committee, he is not picking on the bill. What I think he is concerned with is that why do we, every time we come up with something like this, have to determine and provide for new staff...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...in every case. And I share your concern. I wish I could answer your question though, Senator, better than I've been able to.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Let me ask you, was there someone there from the Health Department that talked about this?

SENATOR LYNCH: Let me see, I'm not sure. No, sir, there was nobody from the Department of Health at the hearing.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I...I'll vote for the bill, but I have problems with the A bill. No, I really do.