

go to the Health Department even or as far as you know, to try to enhance the budget ahead of time? I'm sorry?

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, members, Senator Crosby, the answer to your question is no.

SENATOR CROSBY: Yeah, okay, thank you very much. So I just wanted to say those things, because I think when we're doing the budgeting process, and the only thing I have voted for, the only addition is that citizens advocacy, that 25,000. We've been resisting cuts to the budget and we've been...we've been resisting additions. This would, if you got the 250,000 for the biennium, it would be in their base. So I think what they need to do is come to us early and bring the needs list so we would understand what it is they say they really need, and otherwise then I'm just not going to support it at this time. Senator Lindsay, if I have any time left, you may have it.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I...as much as I hate to disagree with my philosophical and ideological ally, Senator Witek, I have to do that, and I do think that, and I do have to bring, I guess, bring abortion into the issue, and it is simply that under the...the way the funding goes, and I think it would go to agencies that are Title X agencies. I think the federal regs do require that abortion be considered, or that it be included as one of the...one of the methods of family planning. Because of that I have a philosophical problem with funding, using tax dollars for that purpose. Second objection I would have is that this is money that is being earmarked for the Department of Health. I, frankly, have a problem right now with the way they are handling things in this issue...in this area. A bill was passed two years ago, LB 110 has yet to be implemented. I think there has been some stalling on the implementation of that. I do have a concern with the way these types of items be handled. I will be voting against all of them.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, and members, I rise to oppose the addition of the funding. I don't know whether Senator Crosby mentioned it had not been brought to Appropriations Committee, so that is not the issue here. We did not have this issue. This is a floor amendment, but there is \$185,000 of General Fund in this particular budget for this