

One thing that I've heard and I'm not sure how accurate it is. I know that the department and the plan has gone around the state, but it was a process of this is what it will be. I don't know how much input the public was allowed to give. I feel it is important. We've got to have the citizens involved in this participation, not just talk to them, but listen to them, and work together in the process. It also states that no member shall serve more than six consecutive years. That would be two terms on this council. That way we have fresh ideas and new individuals. With that, I would hope that you could adopt this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Avery. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Madam President, I will yield my time to Senator Chambers.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, Senator Avery is offering an amendment which, as I read it, is designed to ensure that the people who are going to be the recipients of the services of this giant agency will have a spokesperson. Senator Avery, I'd like to ask you a question or two so that I can understand, for sure, what it is that you are saying.

SENATOR AVERY: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, now the first thing, you would want to make sure that each of the three Congressional Districts would be represented on this organization?

SENATOR AVERY: Yes, that's true to get...there I'm looking at a broad representation. We have all parts of the state represented that way.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, and your intention, because the language, here's the way it was in another bill, which would indicate the way it's written that one person would have to have expertise in all of these fields. But what...what you want to say, and that can be worked out if the body agrees with your idea, is that among the various members there must be found knowledge about the...or expertise in these fields that you