

SPEAKER WITHEM: Pardon me?

SENATOR AVERY: The first part of that.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay, the first part of it. (See FA525 on page 1153-54 of the Legislative Journal.) Do you have any opening to distinguish this first part from other elements here then? You are recognized for an opening.

SENATOR AVERY: Okay, thank you. Yeah, this, again, this is the main part of the amendment. And I think all it does is clarify and add some of the things that we're looking at and I think what this body needs to have in the plan that the department is going to present to the body. It broadens a little bit. It asks for some of the accounting. I think it also goes along with Senator Bernard-Stevens amendment, again, in terms of confidentiality and being able to share information, that we can share to get a true savings and a true effective operation that is more efficient in its proceedings. Also we're asking for accountability mechanisms. Funding streams, I think it will add to what has been adopted in terms of Senator Wehrbein's concerns in the funding side of it that we look at and make sure that we know where the dollars are going, where they're coming from, how all the services will be paid for and provided. Also, an important part as I think the public's accessibility in terms of services in each of the geographic regions. I feel that's very important. With that, all we're asking, again, is details on this, where this is more of a detail. We're looking at these details and making sure that we have as much information as possible presented to us when this plan comes. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Avery. Senator Wesely, to address the Avery amendment.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and members, I rise in support of the first part of the amendment, the amendment that's before you. What Senator Avery has tried to do is acknowledge some of the concerns that have been expressed, dealing with confidentiality, dealing with funding and accessibility on a geographic area. I really don't have much of a problem with this part of the amendment, it was on the second part of the amendment that I had concerns. So, at least, and I got a little burned on this earlier this morning. So unless I see something