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kind of hearing aide that we can utilize, if there is hearing loss, for this purpose? No. In her case this would not have been an intervention which would have prevented anything. The hearing loss would have been permanent, it would not at this point in time have been fixable, so as an educated parent I said, you know what, I'm going to watch this child and I'm going to test on my own, I'm going to watch very, very carefully; my pediatrician is very careful, and we're going to watch down the road. And we were very successful with that. But the questions that I've been asking Senator Byars, I've been asking him for numbers, hard facts. I would like to ask him right now, if I could, if he could share with the body how many out of 100 babies could we expect to find hearing loss? And of that number, how many of it would be susceptible to intervention, either by surgery or by hearing aide, before the age of two and we may find this at a later date?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield to a question, Senator Byars?

SENATOR BYARS: Yes, thank you, Senator Cudaback. Number one, we're talking about two different tests, the test that your daughter underwent, and the type of procedure that we're talking about in the initial testing for newborn hearing screening. The audio acoustical test is noninvasive. We had it done before the committee, we had a little baby, an infant brought in to be tested. There are no electrodes, there is no preparation, no glue on the scalp, nothing that is frightening at all. The babies that we have tested, and we've done this...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BYARS: ...three times now in explaining the test, and it's just not a problem. The pediatricians, the Academy of Pediatrics has listed this as one of their primary objectives in getting every newborn screened. The numbers of children that are identified that have an actual hearing loss is five times greater than any other screening procedure that is done in the state. And these are hearing proced...these are procedures, newborn screening procedures that we've been using for a long period of time. Can they be corrected? Can all of them be corrected either by hearing aides or by surgery? I can't imagine that they would all be corrected. I can't imagine we