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LB 42

SENATOR WESELY: Sorry to...

SENATOR HIGGINS: For Monday morning.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, here we are Monday morning and...okay, anyway we do define dead human bodies and have a common definition for it. Included in that definition is fetal death and that is defined under Section 4. So it is mainly a bill drafting technicality thing to try and not have a different definition in different sections that we are putting this bill together in that area and we are not really affecting it, Senator Higgins, we are not trying to change anything that was there in the past. We are trying to...the language is trying to be more uniform is all.

SENATOR MARSH: Time is up.

SENATOR WESELY: It is really a...

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Senator Marsh, or Madam Chairperson.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, okay, Senator Marsh, members, I don't know if we answered Senator Higgins' questions or not but essentially what she is raising is not a key issue in the bill. We are not really trying to change the policy on this area at all. We are more or less...the key to LB 42 is to take a system that is dispersed among the counties and not a very efficient one, as Senator Miller talked about, and make it more efficient, have all the counties in the state basically work through the State Bureau of Vital Statistics and work with them in dealing with birth and death certificates and having one centralized office dealing with it, you will be much more efficient. Douglas and Lancaster County, the two most populated counties in the state are not part of this change. They are exempted but they would work with the State Bureau to make sure that again there is a coordinated effort in this area. So it is a very fine bill, I think, from Senator Miller. It does try to streamline the process and I would ask your support for it. Senator