

up against, because of the absence of the trust, was the reluctance of people to privately spend money with the county without the assurance that it would go in fact for the purpose that they required and requested. They would want some assurance after they passed away that in fact that is the way it would be used. Also we soon discovered that kids who had the problem of drug abuse were reluctant to come to the county hospital because it was an institution setting. It was pretty obvious to us that with the trust and if we could have contracted with private agencies, and we did,...

SPEAKER NICHOL: (Gavel.) Too much frivolity up front, please hold it down so I can hear the speaker. Thank you.

SENATOR LYNCH: Oh, that's good. Is that good or bad, frivolity? I'm not...you use an awful lot of big words around here. Whatever. But in any case, in any case we soon discovered that when we began to contract with private agencies the use of the programs were soon increased, and I think, therefore, the effectiveness of them was also increased. I have mixed emotions, Senator Beutler. I would rather not take a chance. I would rather maintain, I think, in the bill the provisions for the trust fund.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hannibal, please.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. Speaker and members, a question of Senator Beutler, if I may.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, would you respond please.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Beutler, there has been a little confusion as to exactly what you are trying to do with your amendment. As I understand it your purpose is not to dismantle the format of the child abuse trust fund but rather prohibit general fund dollars going into that fund on this years basis, is that the idea?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That is exactly correct, Senator Hannibal. I guess I didn't make that clear. I have not eliminated the trust fund. It is still there as a concept, as a receptacle for federal funds, a receptacle for private funds, any of the things that can be put into under Section 6, subsection (1)...