

law. It was felt that this practice had to be stopped. So the State Health Department asked for that...for those records to be sent back to the State Health Department and then destroyed. They were going to destroy them. The concern was that perhaps some of those records may, in fact, have...there may be a mistake here and there, or somehow they didn't get duplicated, or some problem might exist. And so, before anything is done to destroy those, the Health Committee, after holding hearings and taking action on this, felt the best thing to do was get the records all in but don't destroy them, check them out, audit them, see if there is possibly any error, any error whatsoever in them. If there is any valid reason to keep those records, they will take them and keep them. That is the plan. So that is why they asked for the ledgers to be sent in. If you adopt this resolution, it will have no effect, and, hopefully, will be ignored by the counties and the Health Department. But nevertheless it would stop that whole process of sending in the ledgers, checking them out and determining whether or not they have any valid purpose whatsoever. My guess is they won't. But we have to check that out first before we make that determination. So don't stop that system and that process started after some hearings and discussion, and the County Officials Association has not been concerned about the situation. I don't know where the concern has been. The genealogy society has basically been agreeable to this. We've gotten letters to that effect. So at this time, other than a few pockets of resistance, it seems to me that we are moving forward with a reasonable plan that will not destroy valuable records, but will eliminate duplicative wasteful records that are now being accessed by people that are not supposed to have access. The big problem with these ledgers is that if you want information about your family, these ledgers have all kinds of families listed, and they just evidently are opening them up and people are leafing through them, and that is not public information. That is not information that is supposed to be available to just any body. That is private, confidential information. And if they want to find out about their genealogy, if they want to find out about their family history, they can go to the state and find that information out. So I'm asking you, after a lot of careful thought and work and effort on this, not to adopt this one section. Strike that out of the resolution and then the rest of it we are willing to work with Senator Lamb on.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lynch, do you wish to speak on the Wesley amendment? Pass over Senator Lynch. Senator Eret, do you wish