

over at the Health Department, if we've really accomplished maybe what we want to. I know I've had letters from my people at home that this...I don't know if they've been led to believe that this would enlarge the services, and I don't think that's the intent of the bill. But, again, I don't know how many of you know, but my daughter was the recipient of a severe head injury, many, many years ago, was kicked in the head by a horse. And that was a trauma for our family for a while, but the good Lord took care of her and we were very fortunate. But, again, I'm not just sure that a registry would have helped in this instance at all. Now maybe not serving on the Health and Human Services, there are people out there that are not...cannot be accessed to information and places of help. But I'm not so sure that our creating another registry and another \$20,000, I would think that over in the Health Department they could have a registry of people with kidney disease, and heart disease, and cancer disease, and somewhat in our computerized age today accomplish this without starting another division. So it's one of them that you certainly don't want to support at all. But I'm not sure that we're starting down the right path. So I guess I'll just kind of listen yet to the testimony. But I wonder why the Health Department cannot combine this in some other services that they have over there, that it would be that much of a job.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Anyone else wishing to speak to the advancement of LB 308? Seeing no one, Senator Lynch, do you wish to close?

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, just to react, I know the issue of additional staff, in this case, \$20,000 in the Department of Health, can raise some concern by some of us on the floor, and I share that concern as well. But I guess what I do is I see beyond this issue without a registry. Without this registry, I can see where people might propose programs that could, in fact, involve not just hundreds of thousands of dollars, but in some cases even millions of dollars given the lifelong trauma and need for care with some head injuries. It seems to me that for us to arm ourselves to be able to deal with that kind of legislation and to know for sure whether or not that is, in fact, a priority or the highest priority and need, we have to have the information available that's only available through a registry. So I would ask your indulgence with this money, small as it is, \$20,000 A bill, to help us get this established. Would also agree with Senator Warner that if we're going to have