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obstacles are magnified...

SENATOR WARNER: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...to the extreme. I will renew my light and continue this saga.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Labeledz. Senator Labeledz waives. Senator Morrissey. Morrissey. Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Mr. Chairman and members, I rise to support the Landis amendment and several reasons. I will go back to some of them in the fact of the commission that is looking at being created and being able to put this in a little bit better form, along with some resources to go with it, to me, is a very exciting concept, I think for several reasons. I think that having the State Department of Health in charge of the commission is going to enable us to do some fact-finding and get some figures that formerly Senator Rasmussen and I and our staffs were not...did not have access to. Health care providers are very jealous of those figures and rightfully so because of confidentiality, but I believe that if this commission is housed in the State Department of Health, being a state agency, they probably will be able to get better cooperation and much more viable data than what our offices were able to be. Senator Rasmussen and I have talked about, throughout this session so far, as to what our next step was going to be able to be after we received that rough draft, and we are really floundering as to what avenue we need to take and how we could get a handle on things to continue. We talked about who we should go to, had several different areas, and earlier last week we had contacted or Jessie, Senator Rasmussen had contacted Dr. Horton from the State Department of Health, and, coincidentally, and it really was coincidentally, had a meeting with Dr. Horton before, and that is probably one of the reasons where recalling our conversation this morning is why I got excited and offered the amendment tonight. I am sure Dr. Horton, when this amendment does pass, because I think that we want to see it happen, is probably going to be one of the most surprised people around when he finds out how quickly the Legislature can work since we talked about something similar, although I think the resources that he were looking at would have been quite a bit better than what we have in this bill. But I think he would be excited about the prospect, and the starting point is the fact that the Legislature collectively have said and recognized that, yes, we