

not there are any risks associated with repeat abortions, in other words, whether there are any additional risks associated with a second or third or fourth abortion. And the committee adopted an amendment to strike the language requiring that any risks associated with repeat abortions be advised on. And then the committee also voted to strike the language beginning on line 24, page 3, the rest of the new language in the bill, requiring that the statement include a verification by the attending physician that the individual providing the information is qualified to so advise and to provide the information. So as I indicated, Mr. President, the committee amendments simply include striking most of the new language of the bill, but leaving the essential language of the bill and that is that an individual seeking an abortion must be advised of the particular risks associated with the abortion procedures to be employed. So with that, Mr. President, I'd be happy to attempt to answer questions anybody might have with respect to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Labeledz, committee amendments.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. Inasmuch as there is only 30 minutes on LB 663, I would suggest that the members of the body support the committee amendments and I believe Senator Landis also has an amendment. I suggest that we accept that amendment in order to be able to advance LB 663 and the 25 senators that introduced...co-sponsored the bill with me, I can assure you that there probably will be some amendments put on on Select File, but at this point now I'm willing to accept the amendments as written by the committee and also Senator Landis' and it will be some time before we come to Select File, if we do at all. It's not saying that if we get LB 663 and the bill I just had before that will ever come up on Select File, but in the event that it does, and if not, and if it's somehow held up until January we'll be back then to make any decided changes, but for the moment and because of the time limit I would suggest that we accept the committee amendments and Senator Landis' amendment and I will explain as much as I can why it is so important even though this committee amendment is practically a rewrite of LB 663. It's very important that that bill be advanced today.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the committee amendments? If not, the motion is to adopt the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.