

SENATOR LABEDZ: I'm sure this probably won't take too long, I hope not and I will not go into detail, but if you will recall on General File it was brought up on Special Order, LB 663 and the time was running short and I knew if we did not accept the committee amendments and the Landis amendment we would have run out of time and LB 663, which is a very important bill to me, and to many people in this great state, that the time would have run out and we would not have been able to advance LB 663. The purpose of LB 663 is to help ensure that a woman who seeks an abortion knows the risk to her of having the abortion and that she is informed of those risks before the procedure is performed. The amendment that I am proposing has two parts. It strikes the amendments adopted a couple of weeks ago and it adds additional language. LB 663 before being amended required that all women who had previously undergone abortions be told also of the risks associated with repeat abortions. And, I repeat, repeat abortions. The original language likewise required that the person providing informed consent information, that they be qualified to do so. The committee amendments struck the two provisions just mentioned. Number one, that the woman be informed of the risk of repeat abortions; and, number two, that the person providing her with the information for informed consent be trained. Those provisions are important and should be reinstated. My amendment reinstates the language deleted by the committee amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, would Senator Labeledz yield for a question or two?

PRESIDENT: May we have quiet please. (Gavel.) Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Labeledz, who will review the qualifications of the individuals charged to have this information?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Well I'm sure the State of Nebraska.

SENATOR LANDIS: Is it provided in your amendment that they do so?