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SENATOR STAHMER: It is my understanding that, that is one of their wishes to be both legally and medically proper.

SENATOR WHITNEY: And then it is their intent to put on as many restrictions as is possible?

SENATOR STAHMER: That is my understanding, that is my understanding why it was voted on unanimously and was supported by everyone that I know about in the Creighton Medical School.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Thank-you.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, members of the legislature. I wonder if Senator Anderson would yield to a question?

SENATOR ANDERSON: Go ahead Senator.

SENATOR MARESH: A, in section 18, what is the purpose of deleting the word use, does that mean a doctor who performs the abortion could in fact do whatever he pleases with the fetus?

SENATOR ANDERSON: This, this procedure permits certain types of new procedures, experimental procedures that are being developed to keep, keep the child alive if we, if we drop this word out, then we could find ourselves in a situation where new experimental procedures that have now become possible, could not, could not be used in an effort to keep the child alive.

SENATOR MARESH: That is the purpose for deleting that word, in other words, that is the only purpose to allow him to, to try to save the fetus right?

SENATOR ANDERSON: Right. So when we're, when we're dealing with a child that would be aborted after this point of viability, it is aborted alive, it would be possible then to use what would be in terms of medical science, a an experimental procedure, the purpose of which is to keep the child alive.

SENATOR MARESH: Thank-you.

CLERK: Motion on the desk, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion on the desk.

CLERK: I move the previous question signed Senator Carpenter.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenters move the previous question, does the chair see 5 hands? Thank-you. The question is, shall the debate now close? All those in favor will vote aye, all those opposed will vote no. Motion is to close debate. The chair assumes that motion would apply to both amendments. The chair will so rule. We took the two together and considered them together, we'll close them together, all right. The clerk, the motion is to close,--

CLERK: 27 ayes, 6 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The debate will now close. Senator Stahmer will close first, then Senator Anderson.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, do we have one or two motions before the desk?

PRESIDENT: Motion is to close debate.

SENATOR STAHMER: On one or two motions. How can we close on two motions?