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now. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor signify by saying aye, opposed nay. Record. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Shirley Marsh, do you wish to close please?

SENATOR MARSH: If you want to have a piece of legislation which speaks to the issue which the introducer said was her concern, the health of the mother, then the adoption of this amendment would be paramount in your plan. This is one of the provisions which the Supreme Court has said the state has the right to speak. In this amendment, it says, the performance of an abortion during the second trimester of pregnancy at any place other than a hospital is a Class IV felony. If anyone is performing an abortion, that individual would know that unless the patient were under the safeguards of a hospital and the support staff available at a hospital, for the hospitals in our state are supporting the life and health of the woman who is requesting an abortion. Do you remember before abortions were legal, we still had abortions. Not only were abortions performed but many of the young women and the middleaged women died as a result of the performance of that abortion. Outlawing abortion does not stop abortion but we can speak to one of the requirements which the Supreme Court has declared a state can speak to, and that is, to help safeguard the lives of the women involved. This would help safeguard the lives of the women involved. Our Supreme Court has declared that during the first trimester the state does not have the compelling interest to regulate abortions. During the second trimester, the state does have a compelling reason to regulate abortions. Besides that, don't you think it would be nice to help Shirley Marsh pass some abortion legislation. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: Before you vote on the amendment, I would like to call your attention to the North balcony where Senator Goodrich has several guests in the balcony and they are fifty fourth graders from Holy Cross School in Omaha, Nebraska, and two chaperones, Salvatore Sampugnaro and Sister Mary Francis. They are in the North balcony. Would you welcome them please to the Legislature? We are now voting on Senator Marsh's amendment. All those in favor signify by voting aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the Marsh amendment.