

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers, please, but, Senator Chambers, may I introduce some guests first. Senator Chronister has some guests in the south balcony. There are 45 fourth graders from the West Point School at West Point, Nebraska, and their teacher. Would you please stand. Thank you. Then also Senator Morehead has some guests in the south balcony. There are seven students, the entire seventh and eighth grade of St. Michael's School in Fairbury, Nebraska, and one of the students I understand is a niece of Senator Conway and Sister Monica is their teacher. Would you please stand. Thank you. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, the first thing I want to do is ask unanimous consent to add my name to this bill as a co-sponsor and I've put the motion sheet up there but I want that into the record in case I forget later on to do it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any objection? So ordered.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I look at page 3 in lines 5 and 9 and I find these words. "For purposes of this act, a high-risk pregnancy shall include any condition related to pregnancy which places the life or health of the pregnant woman or unborn child in danger to a degree beyond that which normally occurs due to pregnancy." My remarks will be addressed to the males in this room, relate primarily to the males in this room. When we talk about the problems that befall women who are impregnated, most of the attention is focused on the woman. In the same way that my complexion can mark me for discrimination in this society because you visually are aware of it, the condition of a woman when she is pregnant is visually observable. There is a tendency to ignore the fact that it took two individuals to put her in that condition. So when we deal with ADC, women have to listen to all types of disparaging, demeaning remarks made or implied about loose morals and so forth, but were there not a hound dog out there someplace, the woman would not be in the condition she is in. When we, who are males in the Legislature, come to the issue of abortion, we ought not even be allowed to vote on it. It is a wrenching, tearing, highly emotional charged issue. When we're asked to make obtaining an abortion a crime, which this Legislature I hope