

striking the language that says, when you are being given informed consent, part of the informed consent is being told about agencies who can assist you in avoiding the situation again. What is wrong with that? How was that in error before? This body accepted it on General File, I don't see why in the matter of informed consent that we can't say, listen there are some difficulties here and not only are we going to tell you what those risks are, but we are going to tell you how you can find out how you can stop getting into this situation and avoid it the next time. Mr. Chairman, I would ask for a division of the question. I would ask to divide the first part of the Labeledz amendment from the other parts. The first part is that section that strikes the Landis amendment from General File. It is the amendment that says, a person who comes in for an abortion will be given information about agencies that will help them protect themselves the next time, to avoid the situation happening again. I would ask for a division of part one from the other parts and I would ask this body not to vote for the Labeledz amendment with respect to part on.

PRESIDENT: Do you have objections to the question being divided?

SENATOR LABEDZ: No objections.

PRESIDENT: Very well, the debate can be pursued on...yes, on the divided question and pursue first item number one, strike the Landis amendment. Do you wish to discuss that further, Senator Landis or Senator Labeledz?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes, I do. I believe what we are putting in in additional language states the following, which is similar to what Senator Landis is trying to put in but it is just slightly different. The state may establish reasonable minimum qualifications for those people who perform the primary counseling function. The court then footnotes standard two of the National Abortion Federation a pro abortion organization which states, "Counselors must be trained initially at least in the following subjects. Sexual and reproductive health, abortion technology, contraceptive technology, short-term counseling skills, community resources and referrals, informed consent, agency policies and practices." The Supreme Court says further in this same footnote, "The importance of well trained and competent counsellors is not in dispute." So therefore,