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minimum requirements are sufficient or if more training is necessary. I urge you to support the amendment to LB 663.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Do you have an amendment? Senator Marsh.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Marsh would move to amend Senator Labeledz's amendment. (Marsh amendment appears on page 488 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President. Both the bill and the amendment deal with qualifications of people who counsel pregnant women. A pregnant woman is a pregnant woman no matter what type of pregnancy counseling she is seeking, or where she is seeking it. The amendment would simply say that the counselor who counsels the pregnant woman is qualified with the amendment I have proposed and it was passed out to you yesterday on your desk attached to the amendment which Senator Labeledz has also offered. In all probability neither one of these should be in the criminal code statute, but if you choose to put Senator Labeledz's amendment in, then you certainly should choose to put the amendment in which I have offered you, simply is talking about counselors of any organization which offer crisis pregnancy counseling to individuals and it delineates that these are people who have not been part of that organization before. In no way are we trying to interfere with a member of a congregation going to her priest, her rabbi, her minister for counseling. This is not speaking to that issue. It simply is saying, if a pregnant woman feels she has a problem that whomever she talks to should be a qualified counselor. I move for the adoption of the amendment to the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Marsh's proposal is an interesting concept and I'm not saying it may not be worthy of consideration, but in some other contents, I'm sure. However, it is not germane to an amendment to LB 663 and I would ask for a ruling of the Chair. LB 663 deals with the informed consent provision of Nebraska's criminal statutes with regard to the abortion practices. Senator Marsh's proposal addresses a