

them, look, honey, if you have the abortion, this can happen physically or this can happen mentally or if you want to adopt the child out, this can happen to you also mentally, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. I think I have said before I would rather do something perhaps imperfectly than do nothing flawlessly. Senator Labeledz's amendment at least puts qualifications in for this year for a counselor of someone who is going to be seeking an abortion and her amendment does say they should have training in sexual and reproductive health, abortion technology, contraceptive technology, short-term counseling skills, community resources and referral and informed consent. On the other hand, Senator Marsh doesn't lay out any kind of specifics of what kind of training they should have, only that they...I'm trying to figure out what she is saying, counseling to individuals who have not previously been members of such organization or which advertises crisis pregnancy counseling to the public shall be required to be so qualified. But Senator Marsh's amendment is flawed in that she doesn't lay out any criteria of in what manner they should be qualified, in what fields. So I think if you have to make a choice, and I know what Senator Marsh is driving at, and I think these bills that Senator Scofield mentioned they have in one of her committees, your amendment could very well be adopted to those bills and perhaps those bills would address your concern...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...which I share with you, Senator Marsh. But in order for us to do something today, I think we should adopt the Labeledz amendment without the Marsh amendment because the Marsh amendment, I feel, is going to muddy the waters of the entire bill and, if these other bills get out of committee, they may clarify many things for us and, who knows, next year, as we do every year, we may come back and change this bill again, but I think that's what we all admit. Every year we come back and we spend 50 percent of our time making better laws each year out of the laws that we passed the previous year. I know that has been my experience in the five years I have been here. So I would urge you, I don't like to say defeat Senator Marsh's amendment, but to reject it so as not to flaw this bill in any way and then accept the Labeledz amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely.