

Most surgeons I would guess have a minimum of about 20 years of education prior to receiving their license. Her amendment deals with crisis counseling, crisis pregnancy counseling so it doesn't deal with just counseling that would be received at a clinic where abortions may be performed prior to that abortion. It deals with any type of crisis pregnancy counseling. I was a personnel director for a social service agency for three years. We did not hire anyone to serve in that capacity with less than an M.S.W. or Master of Counseling and Guidance. The amendment goes on to say that these people should be provided with the statement if they lack the requirements that are offered in the Labeledz amendment. There are a number, a number of crisis pregnancy hot lines where people will call up to receive help or information, referral sources. These people are in no way going to be able to offer a statement that tells the individual who is calling them that they are not qualified to give them that information. I think that the amendment lacks a lot. Whether you strike the last sentence, and I see no one offering to do that, whether you strike the last sentence or not, we're getting into a situation where we are dealing with social service agencies or agencies that do nothing in the way of, may not do anything in the way of abortions or abortion counseling. I happen to work for an agency that deals in adoptions. There is little or no...there is no counseling done in the area of abortion. They know that that is an option. Anyone who can read and write and conceive, in most cases, and I would say almost in all cases, know that abortion is an option. I would go on to say that most crisis counseling organizations do not counsel toward abortion. I would go on to say again, to reiterate, that we cannot control people who are being talked to over the phone on crisis hot lines and that is a real problem for me. And I would guess that the initial contact by most of these people, most of these young girls who find themselves pregnant, is to one of these hot lines. They are then possibly referred out but they are going to receive counseling. We have no way of knowing what qualifications the people who are giving this information out over the phone do or do not have and I would urge the body again to oppose this amendment by Senator Marsh. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Morehead.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Could I ask...I'm still trying to sort