

question has been called. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SENATOR CONWAY: Debate is ceased. Senator Withem for closing.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Temporary Presiding Officer. Very briefly, in closing, we've debated this bill. Appreciate what I consider to be excellent debate on this particular measure. I wish, I gen...and I'm serious about this, I wish on this issue we, as the Legislature, were able to have serious debate, approach this in a problem-solving fashion. The problem being we have a lot of teenage girls getting pregnant, wish they weren't, who are seeking abortions, and how do we deal with that overall problem as a societal problem. I wish we, as a Legislature, could get in that mode on this issue, instead of the mode of constant confrontation, as my chief frustration last year, as a member of this body, on this measure and others, not that there was a difference of opinion, but the fact that we could not have a meaningful problem-solving approach toward what is a very genuine problem in our society. Two or three quick points in response. One I didn't respond to earlier, I'm sorry I neglected to, whether this will necessitate an A bill or not, or an additional cost. As I remember, this is off the top of my head, when in the past we've had Department of Education providing information to all the schools in the state, it's been an A bill in the two to ten thousand dollar area. Now I hope I'm not too far off on that. I think the proponents of the bill would be within their rights to argue that level of appropriation doesn't need an A bill, and argue against an appropriations bill. It's not my intent to saddle this bill with an A bill by offering this particular amendment. Secondly, Senator Labeledz did it again, she talked about the Michigan proposal. My original amendment was drafted under the...after the Michigan proposal, I understand. When I reread it, after I got a bunch of criticism, I said, you're right, you're right about the original draft. If you have schools preaching about the judicial bypass procedure, giving names of the courts, addresses, all of that other information, yeah, you're running an advertisement for judicial bypass. I didn't want to do that. I changed the amendment. This is not the Michigan proposal, this is...this is the Withem proposal. It's one that I rewrote a couple of times to get to the intent of what I wanted, and that is a simple explanation to those people that are affected