

that would restrict the right of that teacher that thinks that that's knowledge that they'd like to give to young people, I don't want to put anything in that restricts their right to do so. I don't know if we ought to put anything in that forces a teacher to provide information on how to get an abortion, if they don't choose to do that. So for those three reasons I think the clarification that I'm offering is a good idea, and I'd urge you to support it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Labedz.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, and Senator Withem, I sweated, in a manner of speaking, blood supporting your earlier amendment. I think it was good the way it was written, and added, adopted. And I'm not going to support what you're trying to do now. I think we can water down what we have done to such an extent that what we did becomes nothing. This amendment, as drafted and proposed now, attempts to say, in a very specific way, what cannot be done. And I think it confuses rather than clarifies. Let me ask you a question, Senator Withem. Under this amendment, a teacher or a counselor could give one of these young people a copy of the law, couldn't they? Oh, no, this isn't the counselor, this is just the general information that the school provides, cause we didn't adopt the other amendment. So in the written amen...in the written material that the school produces, could they give, if not the exact language of the law, a synopsis of the law, the main provisions of the law that come from the section that we're requiring that they be informed about.

SENATOR WITHEM: They would, under this...under the...this amendment and the previous Withem amendment, they would be required to give the information that is on the standard form, prepared by the State Department of Education.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the State Department of Education could prepare a form that would contain a synopsis of the law.

SENATOR WITHEM: Under...with or without this amendment being adopted they could do so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But I want to make it clear that with this amendment the State Department of Education is not prevented