

was up, and I also spoke to Senator Rasmussen and told them that I felt that both of their amendments were very good. And I will support this amendment because it strikes everything of Senator Bernard-Stevens but lets the amendment of Senator Hillman and Senator Rasmussen intact. And I believe that they should be commended for bringing something like that forward. But the fact that their amendment was an amendment to Bernard-Stevens, which strikes every section of LB 78 and puts only his amendment, and it would be Senator Rasmussen's and Senator Hillman's. So, I believe what we're trying to do here is a good compromise. We will go forward with the two amendments that the two beautiful ladies introduced, and I...in support of that 100 percent. And I was hoping that if I'm not here next year that either one of them, and if this doesn't pass, will introduce it as a bill, and I will be here lobbying, ladies, to make sure that it's passed. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Labeledz. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Madam President, members of the body, thank you. Senator Labeledz and Senator Rogers, I agree with you, there are too many abortions. And I agree with you that sometimes these abortions are done at a very late stage, but these are very few and far between. I would agree with you that abortion has negative effects, so does child birth. I would like to see fewer abortions, fewer unwanted pregnancies, but I will never concede to you that the state has the right to tell me what to do in case of pregnancy. It's a very personal and a very private decision. What I would concede is that the state can help parents and schools and agencies help youngsters prevent these pregnancies. And I...and I would hope that this discussion would continue on the high road, and that we would not get emotional or negative about it. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body. I rise to oppose the Lindsay-Landis amendment at this particular point. And it goes back to the basis of what I was trying to accomplish. And I appreciate Senator Landis and Senator Lindsay trying to compromise my amendment for me, but I guess I'd rather do it on my own, if I ever have a chance. What they...what I proposed to do with the amendment, with the original Bernard-Stevens amendment was to