

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Morrissey, you're next.

**SENATOR MORRISSEY:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I rise to oppose the amendment to the amendment and support the amendment. We have had trouble in the state getting doctors across the entire state. In my area, we're very lucky. Still short on some nurses, but there are a lot of career opportunities in that area and I'm hoping that that shortfall will be taken care of, but the doctors in my district I think are, for the most part, very professional, very good family physicians. And by saying family physician in that area, I'm sure most of you know what I mean. They know the family. They know the mother, the father, the children, and the children's children. They know the entire family. And when the decision such as the ones we're discussing today comes up, they don't just shoo them out the door to a clinic somewhere. They sit down and discuss the issues and discuss the options. They discuss them very thoroughly. We...I've talked to my doctors about this. They're very serious about it and they're very serious about the choices they feel that must be made or must be made available to women. But I don't...I think very few, if any, that come for medical service in my district are just shoved out the door. We are losing money at some of our hospitals and one of the reasons they do lose some money, one of the many reasons, is because they take on clients that can't pay and they know they can't pay. But they don't turn them away. You don't get turned away down there. They take care of them and they take care of them as if they are long-time family members. Even strangers, I've seen it happen many times when strangers come into town and need medical services. So that's one of the many reasons I oppose LB 78 because I have faith in the medical profession, especially, especially down in my district. I know how they work and work hard and work with the families and if those decisions are to be made, those decisions are to be well thought out, rational decisions, they will be made by the woman in consultation with those people she chooses, the people she chooses, not the people we choose here, not the people this body tells them to talk to. She has her choices of spouse, parent, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, clergy, and medical professional...professionals, and I know the doctors play a big part and I know they discuss in detail all the options and all the positive and negative effects of those options. I don't think we here...