

that wholeheartedly. I hope you will take a very serious look at this amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. Senator Lindsay, you're next.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President. Members, again I rise in opposition to the amendment. Let me go in, first of all, pick up a little bit where I left off when I...when I first started talking last time. I have a habit of allowing my mouth to move before my brain engages and there were some misstatements there. Senator Bohlke, I did mention one to her on the...I was looking at an older copy 'cause the copy that Senator Bohlke actually introduced had not been around yet and she had shared with me some earlier copies. One of those did not have probable gestational age in it. This one does have it in it and I...getting it clear for the record on that. As far as...as far as the terms of the amendment, I...I guess I would concur with Senator Rasmussen a little bit that if we're moving towards the middle let's do it and I would agree, but rather than cleaning up the Bohlke amendment let's clean up the Lindsay bill and move from that direction rather than doing a complete rewrite of it here where it's very difficult for me, and I've made this absolutely clear, I think, to many of those who oppose the bill that it's difficult for me to sit here and say, yes, that's a good amendment, no, that's a bad amendment constitutionally because I am not a constitutional scholar. Most of these amendments that are...It's a surprise to Senator Witek, but that's the truth. Most of these amendments I run by attorneys who deal with abortion legislation on a daily basis because they're the ones who know what the current case law is, who know what the current cases that are being reviewed in the courts are and I don't, frankly, have the time to keep up on that kind of case law and the changing of the guards. So when we have an amendment that completely rewrites the bill, from my perspective on whether I'm crying foul out of line or not, as Senator Rasmussen suggests that that may be the case, but I have a difficult time saying this is constitutional or not because I haven't...in the abortion arena every single word, every single comma, every single period, all of it seems to make a huge difference when the courts are considering those. A lot of the things we're finding now that the court, by judicially legislating in this arena, have taken away a lot of the discretion of the state legislatures where they legislating ought to be done in the first place. Because if we were