

I've always been very willing to support legislation that dealt with care of children and with foster care and with adoptive agencies so it'd be difficult for you to accuse me of not supporting child care and all sorts of facilities and legislation that does provide for the care of our children in this state and nationwide for that matter. So it's difficult for me to accept this amendment and it's also difficult for me to understand how you can accuse...how you could...how you could accept child abuse as a reason for promoting termination of pregnancy, because I think that termination of pregnancy would be the ultimate in child abuse. I stand opposed to the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Mr. Speaker, members, Senator Witek, when you first spoke, I looked up at the clock and you said you hated to see three hours of debate. At that time it was four, but who's counting. (Laugh.) Also, I did want to respond to a couple of statements by Senator Witek. She said, and I know I've heard her say before, that we need informed consent and when she says that I remind her we have it, it's on the books and sometimes people forget that. And I am amazed that a number of people that I have call my office, when I point out that we do have informed consent actually on the books as a law in the State of Nebraska with penalties that they are unaware of that fact. And I know that she, too, took exception to the medical community having input on the definitions, but who better? I mean who better? When Senator Witek would have a medical question about an appendectomy or something, would you go to your neighbor because you're angry at a position that the surgeons have taken on any particular issue? I mean, it makes sense, they do not...it's the Department of Health, and I don't know if you realize that, Senator Witek, who develop that information. It is only approved or given for input from the medical community after that point and it seems to me that that makes very logical sense, that the Department of Health would be the people who develop the information and then I would think for sure we would want to have input from the medical community and I certainly think that those doctors would have the responsibility and the type of input that we would all look for in any kind of a medical situation. Certainly not when I go in to have surgery, I certainly don't ask the doctor their political stance on any