

protection, ensuring the mother is fully informed about a medical procedure. But state law already provides for informed consent. Currently, a woman obtaining an abortion must be advised of possible alternatives, the medical procedures to be used, the risks of such an operation, and the agencies and services available she wished to...should she wish to give birth. Supporters of 110, in fact, are offering another state law as a way of furthering the anti-abortion agenda. They are suggesting that pregnant women are prone to make hasty, ill-advised decisions based on fear and ignorance that demeans the intelligence and maturity of females who are no less capable of deciding the fate of their bodies than are males. Western Nebraska women, in particular, would suffer discrimination because they do not live near Omaha where the only clinic providing abortion services are located. Rural women would incur additional travel time and expenses forced by the 24-hour delay required in the proposal. LB 110 is redundant and unnecessary legislation.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Day.

SENATOR DAY: Yes, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise again in support of the Bohlke amendment and I really wanted to clarify something that Senator Dierks said earlier that I think he misunderstood my intent when I spoke. I believe the purpose of this amendment is that we have fewer abortions. I think that was the purpose that came out when 110 was first brought forward. The way it's being done is informed consent and a 24-hour waiting period. My point is we now have informed consent and, basically, we have the 24-hour waiting period because I think very few appointments are given in less than that. The point I was trying to make was that if we had spent the time that we have spent on this, on some of the other issues and the children's issues we might have been able to accomplish more. I, in no way, inferred that by this we were not paying attention to child abuse and I think Senator Dierks is one of them that faithfully has defended children and children's issues all the way through and I admire him for that stand. My point was more that the women that live in poverty, if we could do something about that I wish we would have more affect on fewer abortions. If we could do something about teenage pregnancies I think we would have fewer abortions and I think that this is where we could put out time. This is not a new bill. It's rewritten, but much of what is in here is in previous language. It is just put together in a different way to clarify. Most of