

information. Our attempts here will be futile if we design this legislation so it promotes the continuation of those kinds of activities. If, for example, we stayed with the original language, we would say women have to go to that clinic twice before they can get the abortion, twice she will have to endure all those strategies that are being used out there to block her right to this option. The other land mine that could be in there is leaning on the physician, setting up enough penalties, enough circumstances that we would have fewer and fewer physicians or clinics offering these services. That is clearly the agenda for many of those who are fighting abortion in this country. And if we allow legislation to be designed so that that can be promoted, we are joining in, in that kind of activity, rather than doing what we all say we are trying to do and that is simply to get good information to women in a timely fashion. We have to be aware of those agendas because that is...

**SPEAKER BAACK:** One minute.

**SENATOR RASMUSSEN:** ...what's often happening when we try and put together this kind of legislation. And it is why we fall into the old rituals that Senator Landis talks about in terms of resisting whatever is offered on either side because we know we are not dealing with the truth of the matter, we are dealing with those other agendas and, for that reason, it prevents us from having the kind of intelligent, logical discussion that would lead us, in my opinion, to good policy. I would hope this discussion continues long enough so that we can come up with what I believe is a good policy.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. Senator Hohenstein.

**SENATOR HOHENSTEIN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I just have some brief comments. And in defense of Senator Pedersen, Senator Chambers, I know where Senator Pedersen is and he's at the graduation out at the penitentiary tonight and I'm sure you would appreciate him having to spend a little time out there and maybe he'll be back. That's where he's at. I...I punched my light on because it appears to me as though, again, we're working toward some sort of resolution of this issue and I wanted to assist in giving the parties some time to discuss the concerns they have. I appreciate Senator Bohlke's bringing this amendment, frankly, because I think it is