

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, Madam Senator. (Laughter.)

SENATOR LINDSAY: Before I start, members, I would just like to relate a little story that went on. When we were trying to get to the point where we could actually discuss this and try and hash out some language, Senator Bohlke had an amendment that I think had been very thoroughly discussed and we were getting to the point where people are running out of time so that they could press their buttons, so I suggested to Senator Rasmussen that Senator Bohlke just withdraws her amendments and then we would be back on the Chambers amendment and then people would get a chance to talk again. Senator Rasmussen said, well, what does the Chambers amendment do? Like it was...like we've ever talked on an amendment that we've had on this issue at any time in the last five years. Before we...the amendment that's come around now is what we tried to work out and it has three prongs to it. If I could point those out. The first one would, as it states there, it allows the medical information to be given. In the bill, as it stands right now, the medical information must be given by a physician, referring physician or by an agent of either, that would allow any person, regardless of any medical background, to give the medical information. I had an amendment up which would have sought, had we gotten to it, to change that from physician, physician's assistant...or excuse me, physician or agent to physician or physician's assistant. This provision provides that it would be physician, licensed physician assistant or registered nurse who is an agent for the physician who is going to perform the abortion and who has had the training, and this language that you see in there comes from what we have right now in statute. So it would require some background in abortion, in counseling, in some of those types of issues. The second prong is that it would make the 800 number, which is optional right now in the bill, and this would be noncontroversial and optional in the bill right now, it simply makes it mandatory. It's already funded in the A bill, it shouldn't have any impact. That would allow something I don't think anybody has objected to and that is women from all over the state, and men, for that matter, who want access to the information to call the 800 number and be...regardless of whether they're pregnant, have the information at their