

to you, if it could be done this year where everybody agrees, fine. If not, as I made that commitment to you, I...I will work next year towards trying to make whatever improvements we can make in the areas.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Thank you. And I think the final area that I would like to see some continued effort on, and I'm sure this can't be done this year, it's again something that Senator Hillman and I talked about two years ago, and that is how do we establish objective counseling options out there for women that are accessible across the state, that don't represent a bias but really do focus on helping women make good decisions? And I would hope that some of us that are interested in this would continue to work and figure out some answers to that issue. I...am I going to vote for it at this point? I'm going to see what happens here. I...I really want to vote for this because I want to express that I appreciate the efforts that have been made to kind of leave some of the baggage behind that's been around in previous years and come up with good policy. I need, as others expressed earlier on the Bohlke amendment, some time to look at the way this is all coming out once we've made these amendments and into the Final Reading. I would like very much to be able to support it. I do conceptually support the changes that we've made tonight and hope that when we get it all drafted that that's exactly what it's going to accomplish. I, again, thank all in the body who have participated...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: ...in this discussion either by talking or by listening and hope that we've sent a message out to the public that we are trying to deal with this issue in a rational way and move towards policies that establish support for women as they face difficult decisions. And thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I didn't speak earlier tonight because I wasn't sure who to yield to. Everybody kept yielding to somebody and nobody asked me to yield, but now I found somebody. I'm just going to say two or three things and I'm going to yield the rest of my time to Jennie Robak. I want to express my thanks to John Lindsay and all the people that worked tonight on...and all this past week on trying to come to some agreements on parts of this bill or