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LB 316

amendment read? It is on page 620.

SENATOR VENDITTE: I think so. Mr. Clerk, please read the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first Venditte amendment reads as follows: Read. (See page 620, Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Will you clear the Board please? Senator Venditte, the floor is yours.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature, you know despite what we do now with LB 316, I am sure now that Jimmy the Greek would strongly favor Dr. Orr and his friends in litigation. I find it kind of interesting as well. I think it should be perhaps discussed at this point in time why we are doing what we are doing. Obviously, it is because of the suit that has been filed in Lancaster County and the man who is filing this suit is from Douglas County, Omaha, Nebraska, where 95% of the abortions in this state are being performed. Why did he choose to come to Lancaster County to file the suit? Why wasn't the suit filed in Douglas County? I guess as I look at 316 now, if 316 is a pro-life piece of legislation, I will eat the bill. Okay, Senator Chambers, I have got my own up here. I think the amendments that have been proposed on 316 are, well, I am not even sure I need to explain the amendment. Senator DeCamp said we are going to adopt your amendments, Senator Venditte, with one or two exceptions. Well, with that in mind, is there any need that I go any further. But for those of you who are listening and who are willing to listen, I will explain the amendments, and if I think, if I think what is going to happen will happen, I wish that my amendments then had been withdrawn but there are some key words in this particular piece..in these amendments that I hope that the body would maintain, such terms as standard, such terms as sound. Vague, uncertain kinds of terms in the minds of attorneys, certainly, but what about 316, attorneys, the entire bill in itself is vague, inadequate. We don't know how the courts are going to rule. The constant cry here coming from attorneys is this. We have got to save face. You know, we don't know how the courts are going to act. If we are wrong, we will come back next January and redraft this legislation. I am surprised at the attorneys in this Legislature that have come in just recently. They have been the problem not the solution and, Senator Chambers, I have to include you, too. But nonetheless, Mr. President, I guess to reiterate again the amendments that I have proposed are simply this. I guess