

SENATOR LEWIS: All right, Senator DeCamp...Senator Dworak, you are next. Do you wish to speak on the Johnson amendment to the Venditte amendment?

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. Chairman and colleagues, I rise in support of Senator Johnson's amendment to the Venditte amendment. I think the concerns that Senator Chambers had with the Venditte amendment are being addressed and are being solved by Senator Johnson's amendment. It is my understanding that because this is in the criminal statute this now defines what is and is not proper succinctly and I would urge the support of Senator Johnson's amendment.

SENATOR LEWIS: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I hate to say I told you so, Senator Chambers, but since that seems to be one of our favorite phrases in here, if you will remember the debate, I said definition of viability is okay. Definition is sound, it is Roe v. Wade, and when all of you people wanted to amend the bill, if you recall, Senator Chambers, my good friend, you kept trying to amend the definition. You kept saying, oh, it is all screwed up. It is all loused up. You don't know what you are doing. You have got your head...well, anyway. I said, Colautti deals with determination of viability and indeed we should put some standards in and indeed we will do that on Select File and indeed Senator Venditte and Senator Dworak and Mr. Cunningham and Peter Hoagland and Mr. Johnson and Senator Fowler, they all sat down, read the case, reread them and said, sure enough, we need to do something about determination, not definition. Definition, Johnny D., is okay even though we thought you were nuts. So, Senator Venditte, I indeed agree with your amendment. It deals with determination of viability. The Senator Johnson amendment is necessary if your amendment is to be sound. All it does is say "of the attending physician". Because if you say "in sound medical judgment", sound medical judgment of who. You had better be identifying who is involved. So that is all it does. I urge you to adopt your amendment, Johnson's amendment and then go onto the next area.

SENATOR LEWIS: Before we continue with the debate, we have from Senator Walter George District 50 eighth grade students from Ft. Calhoun, Nebraska High School and they are located in the South galleries. Thank you very much for coming. Senator Hoagland.