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SENATOR VENDITTE: And then you still think it to be necessary to put it in this section?

SENATOR JOHNSON: I do believe it is.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Well, then, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would hope that you would not adopt the Johnson amendment merely because the same language that he is trying to incorporate in this particular section of the law has already been passed. It has been approved by this Legislature, the very same language. I think it to be highly unnecessary and I think we are wasting a great deal of time. I would hope that you would reject the Johnson amendment and move forward with 316.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak, do you wish to be recognized on the Johnson amendment?

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues, I rise in support of Senator Johnson's amendment in deference to my good friend, Senator Venditte, because I think the reasons for the identical wording is to put the two sections, make the two sections compatible and that it would be wrong to have one type of wording in one section and another type in another. I think we made a big point in the first Johnson amendment where sound medical judgment modifies standard medical practice, and so if we are going to modify standard medical practice in the first section with sound medical judgment, then we have to be consistent and make the same modification in the second section. So to me the logic of Senator Johnson's amendment without even getting into the detail of it makes a lot of sense so I am going to urge you in support of Senator Johnson's amendment in the second Venditte amendment to be consistent with what we did in section 1.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers, do you wish to speak to the Johnson amendment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I would like to ask Senator Johnson a question, if I may.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson, do you yield?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Johnson, I understand what you are doing and I have made all that clear but what I think has resulted is the creation of an ambiguity.