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SENATOR COPE: Thank you, Senator Hoagland. Now a question of Senator Venditte. Senator Venditte, do you agree with what you just heard?

SENATOR VENDITTE: No, I don't, Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: All right, would you tell me why?

SENATOR VENDITTE: It is my understanding, Senator Cope, that almost every type of surgical operation that is being performed here in the State of Nebraska is a matter of public record.

SENATOR COPE: That of course, I think the whole bit of your amendment hinges on that. I don't know...

SENATOR VENDITTE: I agree, Senator.

SENATOR COPE: I certainly would like to know. I would not want this singled out. I would have to oppose you and if this were singled out differently than the other procedures. If it isn't, then there is a question.

SENATOR VENDITTE: You could support it then, I would suspect. Right, Senator Cope?

SENATOR COPE: I would certainly think long and hard because usually I agree with your concept.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Senator Cope, I am glad you have been listening because that is the issue at hand right now. Why should abortions be an exception?

SENATOR COPE: But I want to find out on that. Thank you very much.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm going to have to support Senator Venditte on his amendment, especially the part where it says the name of the referring physician, agency or service if any, and I am going to refer back to the Sun Times and I would like to read you a portion of what is happening in Chicago, in Michigan and in other states with referral agencies. "They bill themselves as counsellors but their business is sales and they use every trick in the book to peddle abortions, to confuse and frighten women. From balconies at rock concerts they drop balloons emblazoned with numbers to call. They hand out