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are taking. I think we have done the best job possible. I think with the adoption of the amendment before us we will have the best possible bill we can come up with and if something comes up in the future I think we should rework it again but I think it is in a position right now that is right and proper. The Governor can sign it and we have a law, the best possible law, the strongest law we can have in this area. I urge you to bring this bill back for this specific amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Mr. President, I call for the question.

PRESIDENT: It won't be necessary because we are ready for Senator DeCamp's closing. Thank you, Senator Labeledz. Senator DeCamp, will you close then on your motion.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I wish I could afford the luxury, the excitement I guess it is, of saying I am right, you are wrong. You heel. You don't heel, so on and so forth. I, in conscience can't. We are all different people in here. Everybody has their way of working their philosophies, their attitudes, the way they think they are serving the state best. I guess I feel I am doing the best work I can if I can try to end up on this or any dozen ideas with input from both sides and something that will benefit the state. At the present time there are no abortion laws in the state for all practical purposes. At the present time the legislation, as it has developed with input from both sides, with input from both sides, has probably reached the point where, as I have stated from the beginning, it is constitutionally defensible and accomplishes the major goals of both sides in this issue, the viability issue, the minor consultation issue, parental involvement there, the informed consent, the waiting period. These are all major decisions or major issues for the pro-life side. By the same token, the pro-choice side has had major, major input including the two elements this morning. Now if Senator Chambers and others want me to say, Johnny D., you were wrong. Heck, I will say it. Johnny D., you are wrong. You could have written a more perfect bill from the beginning. You could have had written specifically defined. You could have anticipated every problem that fifty attorneys sitting out there trying to knock it apart can come up with. You just should have anticipated everything. I didn't. I'm dumb. I tried to outline the major issues,