

SENATOR DWORAK: ...that you can't hear the broader issue. Please reject Senator Wesely's amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Labeledz, do you wish to talk on the Wesely amendment?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes, just for a moment. I wanted to repeat for the members of the body that at the public hearing and I have received no mail from any city or county official stating that they should have the power or they should have the authority to decide as Senator Dworak covered most of the things that I was going to say, but I also have in front of me twenty-four thousand signatures that were received at the public hearing by myself and these signatures came from primarily the people from South Omaha which is my district. Now if twenty-four thousand people are supporting this issue, then I believe that we should feel very strongly about it and the city and county officials know that it is a strong feeling and therefore, it did not come up with any opposition whatsoever. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would simply like to rise and make one point in response to the speech that Senator Landis delivered a few minutes ago. I suppose there are not many people inside the Legislature who use the local control argument as much as I do but the local control argument is an argument that is based upon political science and an argument that is based on your political philosophy and I guess there are some things that are more important to me and more important to society than political science and the political structure in decision making process in the State of Nebraska and one of those is a basic fundamental right to life and I think that in this particular case this moral decision is one that we should make on this level and one that I certainly will make any time I have a chance to vote what I believe is a pro-life point of view. Then I think political science and political philosophy certainly takes a secondary role and so while I may be one of the people who argue as strong as anyone for local control, I am also one who realizes that political science takes a second seat to a right to life and on this occasion and on any other occasion that I have, I will certainly express on the floor verbally and through my actions in voting a strong right to life viewpoint in this Legislature and I think it would behoove all of us to realize that the right to life supersedes political philosophy and political science.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Chambers, we are on the Wesely amendment.