

through the State Legislature in the state legislation. I have no problem with that position. I will tell you though that I have gotten a number of calls and a number of letters from state employees who very much oppose any sort of restrictions that would be covered by this bill for state employees as well but because of my concern about abortion and my concern that we should not have public funds going toward the support of abortion, I will support the bill if this amendment is adopted but please keep in mind, I think there are a number of people in this body that can support a bill that would dictate so universally across this state no allowance whatsoever on the question of abortion coverage and insurance policies. So that is the explanation of the change and I urge your support for the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wesely has closed and the issue before the House is the Wesely amendment to LB 125. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 27 nays on adoption of Senator Wesely's amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Motion failed. Another amendment on the desk?

CLERK: Yes, sir. Mr. President, Senator Chambers now moves to amend the bill. (Read Chambers' amendment as found on page 605 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, in case you didn't hear the amendment it says in effect that no public funds will be used for any procedure that terminates any human life and I think that this puts right into clear focus what this bill is all about and the moral underpinnings of the discussions that we have had thus far. If, as a matter of fact, human life is as important and as precious as has been indicated by those who defend this bill, they should accept this amendment and with the adoption of this amendment I will vote for the bill, so you would have one more vote than ordinarily you would not have. Now with this amendment on the bill we will have taken a giant step toward humanizing and civilizing the entire system of the expenditure of public funds in this state. I hope that you will see this amendment as being a very serious offering. I am as serious as a heart attack when I offer it. I am as serious about this as anything than I have ever been in my life and I mean to push for its adoption. Now there comes a time when as Senator Cullan said, political considerations can