

tonsillectomies than there are following abortions but that is not the issue, is it. The issue is, harass the woman, harass the physician who chooses this medical procedure as part of the physician's service to the community and I do term it "service to the community." No one is forced to have an abortion. Those who do not believe in abortion have their choice. However, the person who does believe in the right to choose an abortion does not have a free choice. We keep trying to put one more stumbling block, one more stumbling block, one more bit of harassment. It would suit a number of persons in this legislative body if we harassed all the physicians in the state who do perform abortions so much that they would no longer perform abortions. That is not what we are really discussing. Oh, but we are. We are discussing why this bill was introduced, not as Senator Labeledz has tried to indicate, purely for the safety and health of patients. No, we would include the physicians who perform tonsillectomies and other forms of surgery. The medical profession has managed up until this time to quite successfully manage their physicians but when the topic came into the abortion arena, suddenly we will try to do anything and everything, legal or otherwise. We will pass legislation and then discover it really is unconstitutional. This proposal should be indefinitely postponed. Mr. Speaker, I move that LB 466 be indefinitely postponed.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes, ma'am. We take that up first and then we take up the other item. Senator Vard Johnson, do you want to discuss the committee amendments?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes. I just had a couple of questions of Senator Labeledz, Mr. Speaker. I guess, Senator Labeledz, the first question I have is this. Maybe you are the wrong person to ask the question of actually because I am talking about the committee amendments but I am really wondering why the number "10" was selected. Why is 10 sort of the bench mark for determining when or when not a physician's office where several abortions are performed shall be registered as a health clinic?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Well, of course we debated a long time on the number, Senator Johnson, but in any clinic, abortion clinic and I am going to call it a clinic even though they claim they are not a clinic. They claim that there is other medical procedures performed there but in telephone calls to the center, to the clinic or whatever, we know that that is strictly an abortion clinic and counselling service and so forth. So I would say we picked twenty or ten, whatever the amount we wanted would be because then we determined by that it is definitely, primarily a clinic that performs abortion, if it is any more than ten.