

physician often never see the abortion patient until she is on the procedure table. (C) That both clinics were performing 45 and sometimes more abortions per week. I draw this information from the brief of the Attorney General recently filed. . . brief of the Attorney General recently filed in the Supreme Court. Number 2, the exception for the private office of the physician from state laws regulating medical clinics was never intended to exclude medical facilities where there is little or no doctor-patient relationship as in the case with an abortion clinic. Number three, where a physician in the operation of his private office performs a small number of abortions in the same manner he treats other patients, then the regulations imposed on the clinics are not warranted. We select the number ten per week since it will clearly cover the major abortion clinics but will not affect the 20 or 30 physicians scattered around the state, who on a very limited basis, perform abortions in their private office. We believe, number five, that the evidence given to Judge Urbom in the previously discussed trial and the expose' done by the Chicago Sun Times of the medical practices of abortion clinics makes it clear that abortion patients who go to clinics need greater protection than those who seek treatment at a private physicians office. I think that was a long and detailed explanation of the reason why we selected ten abortions per week. I certainly hope that it satisfies Senator Johnson. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I have a couple of questions I would like to ask Senator Labeledz about the committee amendments. Senator Labeledz in the section that you were dealing with the ten abortions per week, what does week mean? Since you are trying to establish a record. Does it mean a five day period? A seven day period or from one day in a week to the corresponding day in the next week, or just what does that period mean?

SENATOR LABEDZ: I'm sure that we intended it to mean seven days a week because there are times in the Omaha Abortion Clinic that they are performing abortions on Saturday, other times they are not. So, a week would be seven days.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right, now when you put the language unless ten or more abortions as defined and so forth per week are performed. Ten or more per week for how long a period? Or ten in any given week?

SENATOR LABEDZ: In any given week.