

important to deal with this now, rather than facing a problem at a later time. I ask for your support for this amendment, and the amendment is as follows, and I think it is on page 638, but the most important part of the amendment is as follows, the "Community public health services shall not include the performance of or counseling or referral for abortions or school-based or school-linked services providing distribution of or counseling or referral for contraceptives." I urge the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Smith, did you wish to talk about the Labeledz amendment.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I didn't intend to speak about this amendment, but I do want to go ahead and indicate my support for it. I will be voting with Senator Labeledz on this issue.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, please, then Senator Lynch.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President. Just quickly, we are agreeable to this amendment. It was never the intent to have these types of services included in the bill, and if it makes Senator Labeledz and other senators comfortable with that specifically excluded, we have no problem with that. This is a public health services bill and it wasn't really ever planned to go into this area whatsoever. So there should be no problem with this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lynch, followed by Senator Hefner.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President, members, I would just like to also support the amendment as recommended by Senator Labeledz. I think this would, in fact, in language in the statutes and in this particular legislation clear the air, and I support it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, then Senator Beck.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I just want to offer my support to this amendment. So many times here in the Legislature we draft bills, we pass bills, but we sometimes are unclear on what our intent is, and so I commend Senator Labeledz for bringing this amendment to us because this clearly states what our intent is in this field. I don't think