Legislative Journal.)

Senator Smith has amendments to LB 767 to be printed. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 2028-31 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: We'll move on to LB 769, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, 769 is on General File. It is a bill introduced by Senator Labedz and a number of the members. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 19. The bill has been discussed on General File, Mr. President. The committee amendments were adopted on April 24. The first amendment I have to the bill at this time, Mr. President, is by Senator Lynch. Senator, this is your amendment found on page 1825 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Going to withdraw that amendment.

PRESIDENT: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is actually a motion. Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to suspend the germaneness rule to permit consideration of AM1609. (Bernard-Stevens amendment appears on pages 2031-32 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Bernard-Stevens, please.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. And I am a little bit under the weather, so I'll do the best that I can this afternoon. The amendment before you is being passed out at this particular point, is AM1609. It is a far cry different from the amendment that was originally printed in the Journal that got so much play not too long ago. One of the issues that's always concerned me, since I first came to the Legislature, was the terrible dilemma we have and problem, not only nationally, but in the State of Nebraska as well, with teenage pregnancies. And one of my concerns has always been to make...to try to make sure that we have whatever is available at our disposal to maintain a high school equivalency of graduation, at least, or to make sure that these parents, young parents maintain their stay in school. Some would say, well,