

education for teenage mothers that had decided not to have an abortion and to carry the child through their full pregnancy and, in some cases, decided to keep the child rather than put it up for adoption. I believe that LB 678 and LB 720 is the bill that we should do it on. I am definitely of the opinion that I've been told that if this amendment gets on I may lose support of LB 769. At this late date...late time of the day, I'm certainly worried that there will not be 25 votes to advance LB 769. What Senator Bernard-Stevens is doing and what Senator Schimek said, they're absolutely correct, we should provide day care service for teenage mothers. And I would like to see some day day care services for every mother, every mother, not just single mothers that want to get out and go to work, finish their education, or whatever, even go to college and maybe make a career for themselves. Whether they are married or unmarried mothers, I still believe that the education of that child or that woman is very important. And I will co-sponsor any amendment on LB 678 or 720 and wholeheartedly support that. But I don't believe LB 769 is the bill to do it on. And I commend Senator Bernard-Stevens for asking to suspend the rules to attach it. But I certainly don't want an amendment on LB 769 that may jeopardize the bill, but I totally support what he's trying to do. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Bernard-Stevens, followed by Senator Langford.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you. I'd like to take just a minute to respond to Senator Labeledz and hopefully the world knows how much we all, in the body, love Senator Labeledz and we have great respect for her. But every once in awhile we just have a slight disagreement, this might be one of those. Senator Labeledz, it's the same format. Bless your heart, it's the same format. If I offer the amendment on another bill, or if I offer the amendment as it's here now, it's the same format. I need 25 votes. The amendment will not change your bill whatsoever. And I reemphasize, those people that signed on to 769, who said they believe in life, who will jump off the bill because of cost are, in fact, saying to this body and the State of Nebraska that money is more important than life. And I wouldn't think you'd want them on your bill. I wouldn't think you would want them. It's cheap support, and I doubt very seriously that they would abandon life for money. I also would like to point out that the bill will gain support. Many senators who are saying 769 is a concept that I don't really mind, it's okay, I've got some