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when the doctor has to give the notice to these authorities, no time frame whatsoever. So I think the vagueness is there, and when you just say an abortion performed in violation of this act, then whatever caused it to be illegal, based on what the act requires, leads to an abortion performed in violation of this act and somebody is guilty of a misdemeanor but we don't know who.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now how can you be more vague in a criminal statute than not even specifying who did the crime? You can charge somebody for a murder if you don't have a body because of circumstantial evidence, but even under a law like that, you have to specify who supposedly did the murder, and this doesn't require it. But we have people who know better, but they have been locked in and they have got to support this, and I want it clear in the record what they have been compelled to do, what they had better do in violation of their own best judgment, their professional training, and their knowledge. My amendment is very reasonable and I hope that you will vote to strike these words.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You have heard the closing and the question is the adoption of the Chambers amendment to LB 769. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I would ask for a call of the house.

SPEAKER BARRETT: A call of the house has been requested. Clear the board, Mr. Clerk. Members will vote on placing themselves under call. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 21 ayes, 2 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The house is under call. Members, please report to your desks and record your presence. Those members outside the Chamber, please return and check in. Senator Moore, please. Senator Schmit, please. Senator Abboud, Senator Landis, Senator Lamb, the house is under call. Senator McFarland, please check in. Senator Byars, please. Senators Abboud and Dennis Byars, please report to the Chamber. Senators Abboud and Byars, please return to the Chamber. Senator Chambers, only Senator Byars is absent, do you want to proceed with the roll call or wait?