

amendment. The way his reads now, and it has been put into the record: Any person who knowingly, and I would add the words, "and intentionally" performs an abortion in violation of this act shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor. If the amendment is not adopted, it really doesn't make me that much difference. I had said I wouldn't offer any amendments that would go toward making the bill better. I believe Senator Lindsay's amendment has nothing to do with the aspects of the bill as such that I am opposed to. I am opposed to the whole bill, but his amendment goes to an aspect of it that is more technical than anything else.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Discussion on the Chambers amendment to the Lindsay amendment. Senator Abboud, would you care to discuss the Chambers amendment, followed by Senator Wesely.

SENATOR ABBOUD: Mr. President and colleagues, I rose to spoke on the Lindsay amendment. I think that that helps clarify some of the confusion over the existing statute that we currently have, the statute that was struck down by a federal district court; a statute, as far as I am concerned, is no longer in effect in the State of Nebraska. I don't think that we really needed to do that, but in the interest of always keeping language clean in the Nebraska statutes, I think it is a good idea to strike that particular section and also provide clearly what the violation of this particular statute will result in. In regards to the Chambers amendment, I think that it is probably...doesn't really make that much of a difference. Knowingly and intentionally provide that that person who performs the abortion, if they are...virtually in our criminal statutes, we provide intent as one of the requirements, and knowingly is virtually the same type of language, and with that, I would end up supporting the Chambers amendment along with the Lindsay amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: On the Lindsay amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Ashford, would you care to discuss the Chambers amendment? Senator Bernard-Stevens, on deck.

SENATOR ASHFORD: I agree with Senator Abboud that it is possibly splitting hairs but I think it is an appropriate amendment and clarifies what I think Senator Lindsay was doing,