

other than make the bill consistent and I would turn Senator Lindsay's attention to page 5 because it's his amendment and I want him to see what it is that I'm doing. If you look in line 10 of the language that is in the bill without your amending it or mine, we see these words, "the attending physician certifies in writing" and the rest of it. I think the amendment should be adopted because it does comport with what the bill is attempting to do. The amendments of substance that I attempted to add to the bill were rejected and I'm not surprised because it is a bad bargain that must be hugged all the tighter. But if this amendment is rejected, I at least want it clear from the record that it was knowingly rejected although the intent was to make the language in the penalty section consistent with the language already in the bill and the new language that was added to the bill by means of the committee amendments. So I'm asking that you adopt what I'm offering as an amendment to Senator Lindsay's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Is there discussion on the Chambers amendment? Senator Bernard-Stevens. Thank you. Senator Ashford, followed by Senator Dierks.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you. Senator Lindsay, would you answer a question for me, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay, would you respond?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Sure.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Senator Lindsay, we're talking about physician and penalties and that goes back to the prior amendment which the body rejected which basically provided that a physician can perform an abortion if there was an immediate threat or grave risk to the life or health of the pregnant minor, and that was rejected and you opposed it. I have two questions. One, is there any language similar to that that you could accept that...I mean what is it about that amendment that you don't like?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Well I think I'd have to go back and repeat my arguments from when I spoke on it, and that is that the term health is so broad that it...it's vague and it can mean a whole host of things.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Well...okay. Then are we saying by this bill