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would you record your presence, please, and we're looking for Senator Robak. And Senator Robak is here now, and the question is, shall debate cease, and a roll call vote has been requested. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read roll call vote. See page 2146 of the Legislative Journal.) 26 ayes, 6 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Lindsay, would you like to close, please?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, the debate on this has not gone very quickly as you're all aware. We're on, what, seventh or eighth day of debate on this bill. On the amendment this morning, very little of the debate actually went to the question that was brought up. We had an amendment to the amendment that passed 35-0, yet we debated 45 minutes on it. I think it's clear what is going on as far as we're mixing some of the delay tactic in with some of the good clarifying amendments. This amendment is one of those clarifying sort of amendments. Now it has been said, why would you want to vote in favor of this and make it a crime for a doctor to do whatever? That is not what it does. It's already a crime. This clarifies who is committing that crime. This reduces the classification of that crime from a Class I to a Class III. This bill, I don't believe, with the exception of some arguments that would make a...to quote opponents, I guess, to make a bad bill...to keep a bad bill bad, that's the only argument in favor of not passing this amendment. I would urge you to adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Labeledz. That was closing, excuse me, that was closing. The question is the adoption of the Lindsay amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Lindsay's amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Lindsay amendment is adopted. What do you have next on it, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, we're now on the second half of the divided question, Senator Lindsay's FA216, add Section...it is a repealer provision of 28-347.