

about paid lobbyists, that happens on all sides of the issue. So I don't believe that that's a very legitimate argument. Of course, people are lobbying the bill and they do it because of their feelings about it and they justify their feelings according to their moral standards. How else can you, on this kind of an issue, justify it? It isn't a money type bill. I do think that money is involved when you come to the abortion mills and the abortion clinics. Those things are done for profit. Those are profit motives. It appears to me that, with the amount of people that supported this bill in the first place, there should be absolutely no trouble getting this legislation passed. It's a...it's a very major step toward providing stopping the murder of innocent, innocent victims. I find it somewhat difficult to understand how someone can be so opposed to the death penalty...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR DIERKS: ...and yet so not opposed to the killing of these poor, innocent, unprotected viable living organisms. The death penalty happens...and I happen to be an opponent to the death penalty also. I think that's...I have always said that I think that life is given by God and should be taken by God and not by man. That's the way I feel about abortion. And if there is one little step that we can take, one little step that we can take here to stop the carnage, the murder of these innocent victims, I think it's...I think it's beholden to all of us to do our utmost to take that step and put aside the little ifs and ands that come along with trying to amend the bill and then getting mad about people who don't go along with that. And we have only one thing here to do and that is to stop the abortion. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Ashford. The question has been called. Five hands, please. Do I see five hands to cease debate? Thank you. Shall debate close? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Labeledz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The next two votes are going to be the most important votes on LB 769. This motion to reconsider and then the next motion which, no doubt, will be the