

get into some of the legal technicalities of it, again, we even have to consider whether or not a C-section could be performed, so there is a lot more to the issue than just a simple parental notification.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Langford, please, followed by Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. President, I would like to call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do, and the question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record Mr. Clerk, please.

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

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

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I would just do a little summarizing here before I close. I would like to assure Senator Bernard-Stevens of the fact that my answer, my response to his question is found in the committee amendments which state that, on page 2, in line 13, you would strike "and" and insert the following new subdivision which states "Physician or attending physician shall mean the physician intending to perform the abortion." So that is a part of the bill at this point in time. And, secondly, I would like to just summarize a little bit for you what my stance has been on this issue, and this is a letter that I have been sending. As you all...I am sure the body received a lot of correspondence and calls about this issue since last year, and what I have done is designed what I have had to send out to a number of people because I just don't, you know, have time to send all these letters on every issue to everyone, but, basically, what I am saying is that, in its present form, my concern has been that Section 6, subsection (3), allows a pregnant minor to avoid the notification provisions if she declares that she is a victim of sexual abuse, neglect, or physical abuse. My first concern is that there is no requirement placed on the attending physician to verify such a declaration before the abortion is performed. Therefore, a pregnant minor can avoid the notification process by making an unverified declaration. My second concern is that the attending physician is not required under the bill to inform