

which is going to be before the Judiciary Committee. It is a period of time that is less onerous than what is in the bill, and, for that reason, I support the Ashford amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Rogers, please. Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Call the question.

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

CLERK: 25 ayes, 5 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

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

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. When this bill was debated last year, I had three amendments that I wanted to discuss, actually four, one which I have withdrawn, one which was adopted last year was the notification of one parent rather than two, and Senator Labeledz agreed to that amendment and it was adopted. The third amendment I have, and the last one that I have, and I won't have any others nor will I bring them on Select File because apparently there is no use...there is no reason for me to do them, they will be defeated, but the reason for these three amendments, reasons were, one, to make it consistent with current law, the law that we now have in our statutes; secondarily, to stress or to emphasize that the purpose behind LB 769 should be, if there is a purpose at all, the protection of the minor child who is going through an extremely traumatic experience in her life. We should not put undue burdens on that individual. We should make sure that that individual has adequate information to make an informed decision, and that was the Lynch amendment last year, and that amendment was defeated, as were others. My purpose in trying to have the Legislature adopt a 24-hour waiting period is the same thing. Obviously, the minor can wait longer than 24 hours, but if we are trying to pass laws in this area, I think we want to try to do so in such a way as to make it at least as less burdensome as possible and to emphasize that what we are trying to do here is to be sympathetic and concerned about a minor, a girl or woman, who has been placed in an extremely difficult position, and it is not to punish or penalize that young girl for being in that position, and that is