

amendment does go as a contradiction to that. In fact, actually when the amendment was put on, I really thought it was a harmless little amendment but I did find out different, and with that, I think there is a couple of others that want to speak on the amendment, and then I will use my closing.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Have you finished, Senator Nelson?

SENATOR NELSON: Yes.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. For discussion purposes, Senator Labeledz, followed by Senators Chambers and Scofield.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I must say I am not surprised by the Attorney General's Opinion. I do not think my amendment has constitutional problems and it has become obvious, though, that any bills regarding abortion that the Attorney General writes an opinion on will be deemed constitutionally suspect. If you turn to page 6 on your Final Reading copy, Section 5 says, "There is hereby created an incentive grant program to encourage and assist communities in the development and implementation of family-centered community-based services for children and families that promote the objectives specified in Section 3 of this act. It is the intent of the Legislature to phase in a statewide comprehensive family-centered array of services." That immediately brought a lot of concern to myself and several members of this Legislature. I prepared the amendment to be added that says, "Prevention, early identification, and intervention services eligible for funding shall be limited to..." No, that is not my amendment, that is where I added the amendment; "Home-based services; family services, including home-aid programs and parenting skills (programs); educational programs aimed at prevention; emergency services, including crisis prevention, crisis intervention and stabilization, and crisis hot lines." Now all of these things I am totally, 100 percent in support of, but my amendment was added immediately after that, "Prevention, early identification, and intervention services eligible for funding shall not include performance of or counseling or referral for abortion or distribution of or counseling or referral for contraceptives." My amendment, as I just read to you, could not be drafted more clearly. It amends a specific definition relating to services eligible for funding. The amendment simply says that those services eligible for funding shall not include abortion counseling or referral for abortion services. The United States