

option, but the question is we have to look back and if we adopt the severability clause, the question has got to be without that clause, without...excuse me, without the abortion neutral language, would you or would you not vote for the bill? And if you would not vote for the bill, then I think you have to vote for the...against the severability clause. If you would vote for the bill, then the severability clause should be included. I think my support for the bill has to be based on the inclusion of that provision and I think my support is tied in with that. So I think I'm going to have to vote against the severability.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Mr. President and members, Mr. Speaker and members, thank you. I would support the return to Select File to add the severability clause. I think Senator Lindsay's argument is pretty confusing to me. I think...and we're not highlighting just simply on abortion, it's also the contraceptive methods also. It really bothers me because I have some people I know in my district that need to be counseled very badly on contraception. Now right or wrong, what you believe on that, the ultimate answer, in my mind, to abortion is to prevent unwanted pregnancies and I think it's very hypocritical to adopt or push against something that can help in that end, preventing unwanted pregnancies. And I've never bought this stereotypical argument but to oppose the severability clause on this bill brings it up and brings it up to me very clearly that the pro-life crowd cares only about the children when they're born, and after they're born completely abandon them. And I have never bought that argument but opposing the severability clause in this bill throws that argument right in my face and I really can't understand any opposition to adopting this clause.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Scofield, followed by Senators Labeledz, Bernard-Stevens and Nelson.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. President and members, I'm still trying to mull over the statements that Senator Lindsay made, and if I understand him correctly, he is almost saying that rather than get any services out to communities that he would prefer to leave questionable language in this bill and avoid directing funds to communities. He seems also to be saying that he does not trust communities to represent the views of the people in that community. And, again, I would urge people who have not read this bill to take a look at the complicated procedure that