

state concerned and not our own particular individual interests.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Senator Schimek.

**SENATOR SCHIMEK:** Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body, I'm sitting here really confused, trying to figure out what this bill is trying to do and what's the best way to vote on the severability clause and I guess I would like to ask Senator Scofield first a couple of questions and then I would also like to ask Senator Smith and Senator Lindsay a question. Senator Scofield, if I recall correctly, the discussion that ensued when Senator Labeledz added her amendment onto this bill, filed her amendment, the discussion was, as I recall from you, that you would rather not have it on the bill but, since the intent of the bill was not to provide abortion counseling services and so on, that you really wouldn't fight it. Is that correct?

**SENATOR SCOFIELD:** I objected to the amendment, Senator Schimek. I made the point that I thought the kinds of things that communities would bring in would more than likely deal with people at the younger age of the spectrum, given the experience we have had, but Senator Labeledz and I did on the floor discuss it. Obviously, there was a possibility of the teenage population being involved in some of the services here.

**SENATOR SCHIMEK:** So, in fact, in fact then Senator Labeledz's amendment did change the purpose of this bill?

**SENATOR SCOFIELD:** I don't think the amendment in particular had as much to do with the purposes of the bill one way or the other. My concern was that I wasn't sure what the impact of the proposed language would have on the implementation of the bill. I, frankly, had not thought about the constitutional ramifications that Senator Nelson's opinion has raised. But my concern was that just because of the nature of this abortion debate that we have been in, I anticipated this floor and this body getting into exactly this kind of wrangle which I don't think really has anything to do and I have stated before and I will state again that the process outlined in this bill I think makes it pretty certain that no community is going to bring in a proposal that's going to be controversial right in their own community. And so I just...I objected to the language just for fear of what we're doing right now would, in fact, ensue.