

Senator Ashford, followed by Senator's Labeledz and Scofield.

SENATOR ASHFORD: I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker, I was conferring with Senator Lindsay. We're trying to come up with some language that fits the problem and I think, again, if we could separate the...now I think we are discussing a drafting problem now that we have the legislative intent I think fairly clear from Senator Lindsay that it is not the intention to disqualify a program because it does as part of its program provide services, contraception and abortion services, that does not necessarily disqualify them from receiving funding for other programs. Senator Lindsay and I have just been putting together some language that I think may get there and we felt and I...that the amendment should be in the eligibility portion of the language or of the bill rather than in the...more in the substantive paragraph where the Landis amendment is in Section 6. And our language would provide...and we're looking at this and I'm sorry to belabor it but I think we're trying to come up with some language to get the intent, would say that service providers who provide abortion or contraception services are not ineligible for the program by reason of providing these services. And I will talk about that but I think what we're getting at and I think what Senator Lindsay is getting at is an eligibility problem. We are not affecting the eligibility of these providers because they provide these other services but the funding itself cannot be utilized for those particular...for those particular programs. So trying to come up with language that...since we are on Final Reading, it's fairly imperative that we come up with language which fits the intent. I've got this amendment here and I don't know...Senator Lindsay, have you had a chance now to...may I ask you a question, briefly?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay, would you respond?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes.

SENATOR ASHFORD: We sort of hurriedly wrote up this language, does that somewhat satisfy you or is that close to satisfying you?

SENATOR LINDSAY: It's real close and I...when you're done talking I would like to get together with you and Senator Landis and run by some ideas.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Okay. All right. Well, with that, I