

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lindsay would move to return the bill for a specific amendment. (The Lindsay amendment appears on page 1744 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay. Senator Lindsay, please.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, I've talked with Senator Scofield about this amendment. She wants to go ahead and read the bill. What I will do is I would like to reiterate so...I am going to withdraw the amendment, but I would like to reiterate for purposes of creating a legislative history the discussion that took place between Senator Landis and myself, Senator Labeledz and myself, referring to the intent of the legislation and that be that it does be read constitutionally, that it be read as Senator Landis has described that the provider is not disqualified simply by reason of performance of or counseling or referral for abortion or distribution of or counseling or referral for contraceptives using other funds and not simply for that reason. I did want to create that legislative history to make sure that it's clear in the record. I would, at this point, give to Senator Scofield the remainder of my time.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Senator Lindsay, I appreciate that. I would urge us to go ahead and read the bill and I appreciate Senator Lindsay pulling his amendment. As I said, we've got some questions here. Senator Lindsay has tried to insert some language into the record here. It appears to me, given the current language that the bill carries without definitions that, yeah, we might have a problem but it's...it's unclear what the...there aren't definitions in this bill that relate to these areas. We will hope we don't end up in court and fight over it. But I think the potential here for this bill to do some good in communities is great and I hope that we don't...I think there are adequate safeguards in the bill to really head this off at the pass before it even becomes an issue. We have perhaps let it get further than necessary in this body. I will tell you that other states are watching this bill with interest and see it as a real breakthrough in terms of being able to provide meaningful services to children and families. And so I think...I hope we can lay the contentiousness aside that we have felt this morning and go ahead and pass the bill and I hope it gets out to communities and does some good. Thank you.