

because a lot of times there is not quite that much forthrightness. I fought against it yesterday so my position is not inconsistent today. I argued against it. I voted against it, and now I am trying to use what is available to me to rectify it. Yesterday, when the move was being made, I correctly pointed out why it was being made and that was confirmed by Senator Labeledz and others. I will say this; had LB 854 not been on General File, that move would not have been made, and we know it. The papers wrote it up correctly as a breakthrough for the side that wants to restrict abortions.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: They quoted Senator Labeledz and others as saying it was a victory. So there can be no question what the issue was. Had people who voted on what is called the procedural matter not given those votes, these bills would not be on Select File today. I think the heat got to be too great for some people and they folded, and now we are facing in this state a problem, not as severe, but similar to that faced by women in Idaho who were confronted by an extremely restrictive antiabortion bill, which the Governor of Idaho wisely and justifiably vetoed. I believe that LB 854 is unconstitutional. Courts have held, even the present District Court in the State of Nebraska, the federal court, that a waiting period...may I continue on my other time for my close?

SPEAKER BARRETT: On your closing, now we have other lights on, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, all right, then I will sit down.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Wesely. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question is, shall debate cease? Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 2 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Chambers, for closing.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, the point that I was going to make is that the Federal District Court has already ruled and enjoined, as a result of that ruling, a statute currently on the Nebraska books that requires a waiting period. It burdens a