

by the Nebraska Coalition for Life is very offensive, and, particularly, in my view toward Senator Barrett, the Speaker. To accuse him of being irresponsible or condoning the action that went on here is inappropriate. I think he tried to do the best job he could as fairly as he could and, certainly, he didn't do the things that perhaps some people would like to have done but I think within the rules he did exactly what he was supposed to do. And if we don't like it, I guess we have to change the rules, but he did, as far as I could tell, follow the rules and attempt to be as fair as he could. And the characterizations of him in this press release are simply unfair. I, for one, object, and so I know there is a lot of hard feelings and a lot of bad ill-will out here, but I'd ask that we drop the amendment and readvance the bill, read it, and move on to the other legislation, and try to finish up on a more positive note than it seems like we will today.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Abboud, please. Senator Pirsch, please. I don't see Senator Abboud, so you are up next, your light is on.

SENATOR PIRSCH: (Mike off.) I respectfully call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do, and the question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on ceasing debate. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Labedz, on your closing, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I do want to inform the members that are still here that I am very sorry that I couldn't have done this yesterday, because yesterday there was at least 32 or 34 senators here that were willing to put in the parental notification into a bill, and...or to support me on LB 854, which would have been, not the parental notification bill, but it would at least have been a bill that this Legislature would send a message to the rest of the state that we are concerned on the abortion issue. Actually, if I had a choice between the two bills, I would certainly take LB 769 because it does involve teenagers, and I have always been