

to the next speaker I would like to introduce a guest of Senator Rogers. Under the south balcony we have Dr. Paul Lambert of Ord. Would you please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thanks for being with us. Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Question.

SPEAKER BAACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. We will now proceed to vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

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

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. I will go to Senator Landis for closing.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I want to respond to some of the arguments one by one. Senator Lindsay raised an interesting point of constitutional interpretation of the Webster case. My reading of the case is that the court in permitting these kinds of statutes did not create or recognize a parental locus or body or corpus of rights, but spoke about the state's interest in making sure that the young woman had as good of information and counseling and thought-provoking, soul-searching opportunity as possible. If that is correct, then this amendment is directly in line with that goal to be achieved under the Webster case. With respect to Senator Labedz's reference to the Parenting Act of Senator Ashford, that act is in recognition that there are parents that are not prepared to do their job, that need assistance, that need training, that there are parents out there who need to have some learning about the educational styles of kids, the way they function and proper ways of parenting. It has everything to do consistently with what this amendment has to do with LB 425. It attempts to turn the dysfunctional family into a functional family which is very consistent with the phenomenon of this amendment that says where you have a dysfunctional family, where the parent isn't able to meet the needs of a child, perhaps other alternatives should be used. Senator Ashford's bill is meant to reduce the number of parents that would prompt the need for this kind of amendment. It's very consistent with this act. As a matter of fact, this Legislature, three or four years ago, passed a Grandparents' Rights bill. You might recall it that a court can now award