

SPEAKER BAACK: The Chair is going to rule that this amendment to the amendment is not germane. I think that the amendment would be very germane to LB 425, but it would not be germane to Senator Lynch's amendment. Senator Labeledz, did you want to challenge that ruling? We are back to the Lynch amendment then. Discussion on the Lynch amendment. Senator Schmit. Discussion on the Lynch amendment, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I support the Lynch amendment. I support its germaneness. I'd like to vote on it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Nelson, on the Lynch amendment. Is there anyone else wishing to discuss the Lynch amendment? Seeing no one, Senator Lynch, do you wish to close?

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, I would, in my amendment, I didn't read the amendment but...part of the language indicates that the Legislature, that the...it makes specific reference to Section 4 which has to do with that dysfunctioning family language and consideration and concern that we've had for some time and by...and I would have disagreed if I'd had the chance and I turned my, had my light on with Senator Bernard-Stevens about the intent language. So to be completely frank, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I'm a little at a loss as to what to do at this point in time. I would like to see this language in the legislation and so I'm kind of speaking out loud and sharing this with all you, that I could withdraw my amendment and wait until we redraft it for another time and consideration for this bill with a joint effort between Senator Labeledz and myself for this language and as it involves the intent which is a concern of hers. But I think we can, in fact, move with this amendment at the present time and at other debate and other opportunities for debate on this legislation, correct, if there is a problem as far as the intent, the language and the intent of the amendment is concerned with Senator Labeledz, so I would simply close. I'm not sure what else I can say. If you're the kind of a person that takes advantage of kids, molest people, it's a direct relationship. Pregnancy results from things like that. By golly, full force of the law should apply to you. And you shouldn't be able to escape that simply because you're "family", whether it's foster family, brother, sister, uncle and aunt. I feel very strongly about this. Sometimes maybe you've had the chance in the last week or two to read some of the articles in the World-Herald regarding child abuse, should have gotten your attention. Hopefully, it did. It's a serious problem. We'd