

SPEAKER BAACK: Discussion on the Landis amendment? Seeing none, Senator Landis, would you like to close?

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I have picked the number 16 out. I heard the statistics that Senator Labeledz read and there may be another number that makes sense there. I would not be adverse to considering the concept of 17, but the critical element is this. The overwhelming course of conduct in Minnesota is if you're of the age 18, 17, the courts will find you mature enough to use the procedure but it will take you long enough that you increase the danger for the young woman. And that shouldn't be the sum result of this public policy. I'm trying to get at that situation where, if we're going to live with this, it winds up being a liveable procedure. I will urge the adoption of the amendment. In the event it's unsuccessful, I would consider discussing it with members of all parties to seeing if there is a way in which we can keep this system, which will be imposed ultimately, from not subjecting young women to physical danger so that some people can have a rhetorical and political victory. That really should be a hollow and empty result. And, for that reason, I urge the adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard Senator Landis's closing on the amendment. We will now proceed to vote on the amendment offered by Senator Landis. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We're voting on the amendment offered by Senator Landis. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 9 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is not adopted. Before we move to the next item, I would like to introduce some guests of Senator Pirsch. We have Nick Sands and Perry Pirsch, her son, who are students at UNL, under the north balcony. Would you guys just wave and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thanks for being with us. The next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to amend. Senator, I have 959 in front of me. AM959. (See page 1588 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Is that the one where we're changing