

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...that we're talking about here?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yeah.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay, no further questions. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Rasmussen, on the Bernard-Stevens amendment.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Senator Lindsay, can I ask another question, just to follow up on that?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lindsay, would you respond, please.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: (Microphone not activated.) ...wouldn't happen in Nebraska. It's my understanding in Minnesota that's exactly what happened, that a vast number chose not to participate in a judicial bypass system and as a result of that young women were forced to travel four to five hundred miles just to go through the judicial bypass system. You're saying that cannot happen in Nebraska?

SENATOR LINDSAY: No, I didn't say that. I said that the woman would not be forced to travel. What generally happens in Nebraska right now, if a judge disqualifies himself or herself, that judge is then replaced with another judge who goes to that district to hear the case.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: And is that different than what happened in Minnesota, or how Minnesota (interruption)?

SENATOR LINDSAY: I don't know how Minnesota's judicial structure is set up. That would surprise me if young women were forced to travel 400 or 500 miles. That should not be the case. It's certainly not the intent under this bill. There will... I do not doubt the fact that judges will disqualify themselves based on their beliefs regarding abortion in general. I'm not saying that's not going to occur. I'm saying the travel that we're hearing about, I don't think is going to occur as far as with the young women involved.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Well, what if the majority of the judges