

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lindsay would move to amend and he would move to amend Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment by striking "seven" and inserting "five". (The Lindsay amendment appears on page 1589 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: I have spoken with...Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I have spoken with Senator Bernard-Stevens about this, spoken with a couple others on the floor here. What the amendment does simply is changes from seven working days to five working days. The reason for that is we believe that keeps us within the constitutional framework so it does not invalidate the judicial bypass system thereby invalidating the bill, and yet it still takes into consideration the rural interests or those interests outside of the major urban areas that might have access to more judges. It takes care of those and I think cleans up the judicial bypass mechanism a little better. I would urge that the amendment to the amendment be adopted. Thank you, Senator Lindsay. I do have a list of speakers. Senator Schimek, do you wish to address the Lindsay amendment to the Bernard-Stevens amendment?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, is Senator Landis still on the floor? I wanted ask to Senator Landis a question or two. Actually, I was getting up a minute ago to suggest the same kind of thing that he is suggesting and that is that we step back and take a look at this judicial bypass process and see if we can't put together more of a step by step process so that everybody understands how it will work and so that we answer some of the questions, and these are very legitimate questions, about how this process will work. In addition to that, and I don't know if there were any areas that Senator Landis mentioned that maybe we should add to that list, but he had some very good ones like confidentiality, time frame, and to whom this process would apply. But, at the same time, it also triggered my thinking in speaking of trying to get together and...and clarify this more. If we provide information in the public schools for our students, should we not also be able to give or have available at least the information that would tell them exactly how this process would work? You know, I'm thinking if I were 16 years old and pregnant and wanted to access this judicial bypass, I would be terrified. I would be scared out of my mind and I wouldn't know to whom I could turn or how the system would work. And I think that perhaps we need