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SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...what happens if even under the five-day period a decision is not possible, is not possible? What happens? Do we just say, oops, I guess it was six, it's okay, just do it as fast as you can. Or, as many of us would think, if it doesn't happen within that time period, the abortion would be approved. I don't know, but there are lots of questions that need to be answered if we're going to have a system like this work. Again, I appreciate Senator Lindsay's ability and willingness and expertise in the matter of working it out through his amendment to change it from seven to five and I will be supporting...supportive of that amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Any further discussion on the amendment as offered by Senator Lindsay? Seeing none, Senator Lindsay, did you wish to close?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, this...I guess to bring us up to where...what the choices here are, are number one, the current bill is three days; number two, the Bernard-Stevens amendment is seven days; and, number three, the Lindsay amendment is five days. When we refer to those days, what we're talking about is the time from docketing of a case until a decision has to be rendered by the judge. The amendment, I believe, is...I know it's in the bill here, it's from the time that the case is docketed until the time the case is decided. Now the issue that you hear, and this is one of those areas that Senator Landis and I were just talking away from the microphones about one of these situations where it's not so much a conflict between pro-life and pro-choice, as between what's going to work in a rural area and what's going to work in an urban area. I think we have to balance the question of whether our judges can hear it within this particular time with...also the intent of this portion of the bill is to protect the young girl, to give...to make sure the decision is made, if it's going to be made in her favor, within a reasonable time frame. I guess, as Senator Bernard-Stevens has talked, he would prefer seven, I, obviously, would prefer three, I think three is reasonable, and throwing out the...changing seven days to five days in the Bernard-Stevens amendment as an option to you that I think if you want to extend the time and keep the bill within what the Supreme Court has said is constitutional, that this is