

For that purpose I urge the body to adopt this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Landis. Before I recognize senators, I would like to direct your attention again to the south balcony. Special guest today of Senator Lowell Johnson are 40 students from Trinity Lutheran School in Fremont and their teachers. Would you please rise and be recognized by the Legislature. Welcome. Thank you. I'll now recognize the senators in the following order. Senator Labeledz, Crosby, Chambers and Rasmussen. Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Madam President. As I did when it was on General File I believe that the amendment was brought in to lower the age, now we're going to 18 and under and as I said then and I will say again, the minors defined in several sections in the statutes is as follows: 43-2101 is the age of majority and it states there, all persons under 19 years of age are declared to be minors, but in case any person marries under the age of 19 years, his or her minority ends. Now this same definition is used throughout the statutes and 9-646 to participate in any lottery they use the same definition and to 28-1229 to store used explosives; 43-2202 Uniform Gifts to Minors Act and 43-2203 the descendants in regard to estates. I also previously gave you some figures, that in 1990 there were 6,346 abortions in the State of Nebraska, and in age 12 there was only two; 13, there was 12; at 14 years there was 27; in 15 years it was 112; 16 years, 208; 17, 347; at the age of 18 there was the most, it was 531; which is a total of 1,239. I opposed the amendment then and I also oppose it today. I don't think that we should be changing the age. As I said, it is defined in different places in the statutes. I did talk to several schools in Omaha and outside of Omaha I'll have to admit I haven't talked to any, but my own granddaughter is 17 years old and she is graduating from high school. She just reached the age of 17 in April. Many of the students are still 16 and 17 and they're graduating from high school and below the age of 18. There are some that are 18 graduating this year in June, but very few compared to those that are still 17 or 16 years of age. So if we want parental notification on something as traumatic as an abortion for an unmarried teenager, I think we should leave the age of under 19 as it is in any, very many of the statutes that is occurring right now. So I urge you to reject the Landis amendment and let's go forward with LB 425.