

child. There is a question, I think, of equal protection here. The major thrust I think we have to look at is the question of these are, at a minimum, undecided questions by the Supreme Court. They would be, at best, experimental, and we could certainly get an opinion from the Supreme Court, but I've heard, the last couple of years, anyway, that we shouldn't pass unconstitutional bills in this area. As a matter of fact, I think several of the proponents argue that we shouldn't pass any abortion legislation this year because it's probably unconstitutional, and it's going to cost the state a bunch of money to do that. So we can get an opinion from the U.S. Supreme Court on whether grandparent, stepparent, et cetera ought to be included, but it's going to cost us several hundred thousand dollars to do it. Again, I throw that out that if we're going to experiment with additional questions, and it's unfortunate that the law in this area is so dynamic...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR LINDSAY: ...I guess. It changes so often that we just don't know whether...what the...what is and is not constitutional. It's not a typical area of law. As I mentioned, if somebody is going to experiment with whether this question is constitutional or unconstitutional, I suggest that that ought to be someone else. We do have another state. We certainly have, right now, the bill as written is constitutional. Let's get that structure into place, and let's look at changing that next year, if that's what we want to do, and just have a portion of it rather than the entire bill subject to scrutiny. As I mentioned, I think the Supreme Court has relied on some of those issues. I think there's a couple of potential constitutional questions, and I think we should...we ought to look at those.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Have a motion to cease debate. Do I have sufficient seconds? We will now vote on the motion to cease debate. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the motion to cease debate? Have you all voted? Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Madam President, looks like I'm going to have