

April 2, 1992

LB 78, 1001

Chamber. Roll call.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Before we proceed to any business, I would like to introduce some special guests of the Legislature. First we have some guests who are guests of our Clerk, Patrick O'Donnell. They are Silke Striezel who is a state member of Parliament in Germany, her mother, Kaethe Bornholdt and her friend, Dieter Hierholz. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. And we also, in the south balcony, we do have some guests of Senator Peterson. They are three first through fifth graders from the Christian Home School in Newman Grove. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. Mr. Clerk, LB 78.

CLERK: Mr. President, one item for the record if I might.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, items for the record, first.

CLERK: Senator Baack would like to print amendments to LB 1001. (Baack amendments appear on pages 1868-70 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, LB 78 was a bill originally introduced by Senators Lindsay, Labeledz, Dierks and Crosby. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10 of 1991. At that time it was referred to the Judiciary Committee. The bill was advanced to General File.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lindsay, to open on LB 78.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, I'll try to be brief because we have a lot of amendments we have to work through. I want to make sure we get an opportunity to have a full open debate on those amendments. LB 78, I think to start off, just say what LB 78 is not. LB 78 will not prohibit one single abortion. LB 78 does not try to attempt to define when life begins. LB 78 is not going to cause the social ills that you'll hear about as this afternoon wears on. What LB 78 attempts to do, and it does have one singular focus, that is to try to offer the opportunity to a woman, before she undergoes the medical procedure, to have a full, informed consent and the opportunity to consider that information in a nonhostile