

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Labeledz, you know, I appreciate your work and I've told you that and your service here for 16 years. On this issue I do not think that people see any of the senators who have been on one particular side or the other particular side as working together to find the solution. They have seen arguments, they have seen days go on and on and I'm telling you just as things that I've heard from people before I came here. They do not see this as having been an attempt to work together. That's why I support the resolution. That's why I support what Senator Hillman says. That's why I was hoping that we could start this afternoon by saying, yes...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...we all agree to what is stated in the resolution and this amendment that we need to address where the real problem is. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Rasmussen, you're next.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, let me first respond to Senator Labeledz's question regarding the interim study on teen pregnancy. I'm trying to get a copy up from our office. We sent a letter out just as she indicated asking for input from the senators, recommendations for people to be on this interim study task force. As we began to gather all our data, we realized that we had bitten off a little bit more than we originally thought and you received a second letter which said we are not forming the task force at this point, we are still very busy just gathering all the information in terms of the data that has been collected across the state and that's represented in this first draft of a report here. It is still our intent to put together some advisory groups that would provide input about how best to address this issue. So it was not a matter of not responding to your recommendations as we indicated in the second letter to all of the senators, simply have not moved as quickly as we had hoped to to that second stage of the interim study and we intend to be able to do that. I'd like to go back to Senator Hillman's amendment which is really what we're talking about here where it says the Legislature should consider establishing a state task force with the Department of Health as a lead agency to address health issues, including adolescent pregnancies that adversely affect adolescents. Now Senator Lindsay and Senator Labeledz both said