

existing law that counselors have to receive in this area but in no other, I might add, the counselor asks more information of the medical chart, reads it over, shows the necessary consent forms, goes over them, sets up a follow-up patient (sic) for the patient, and asks if the patient has considered all other options, specifically referring to adoption...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...or parenting, among those options. The intake session is a critical time because if the patient is unsure, this will be revealed to the counselor. In the event she says, I don't want to have an abortion, or says something a little more obliquely, such as I'm here because my boyfriend thinks that this is the best thing for me since he's in school, if those kinds of statements are made, if there's a question in the counselor's mind that the patient has any doubt about the decision, another counselor is brought in, or the physician will be asked to speak to the patient. The center has a strict policy that if the counselor is not fully satisfied that the patient's reasons for terminating the pregnancy and that the patient is committed to this course of action, the patient will be asked to reevaluate the situation and to reconsider her options. This is hardly a hostile environment. Following the intake session, the patients go through a group counseling session, here...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, I will renew my light and hope I get a chance to explain the rest of this rather intricate protocol that is clearly not the hostile environment that Senator Lindsay paints.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Morrissey, you're next.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I rise to support Senator Hillman's amendment to Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment. I support it and I support it strongly. We have a chance to really do something here, to really do something positive and proactive, and it's all been said already. But we know that one thing that's going to keep happening, no matter what we do here, legal or illegal, there will be abortions performed, always have been, always will be.