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the bill. Anybody reading this bill with an interest in understanding it can do so if such person has a basic understanding of the English language. There is the comment that was put there to reassure those people who are antiabortionists or antiabortion in their orientation or whatever the term is that's applied. I hate to put labels of any kind on people, but they've labeled themselves. So whatever the appropriate label is, let that be the one that ought to be put here if I'm not using the...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...right one. To add the kinds of things that Senator Tyson has tried to put into this bill would suggest that the bill is for a purpose entirely different from the one intended. So I am strongly opposed to this portion of Senator Tyson's amendment, but I am glad that Senator Tyson is among us and I'm glad that he offers these amendments, because it always gives me something to be thankful for what I am not. (Laughter)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Tyson, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Just a few comments before I get to the actual close. Number one, Senator Chambers again is indebted to his imagination for his facts. The first graffiti was not in the court of Nebuchadnezzar. The pyramids antedate that incident by several thousand years, and graffiti appears in the quarries from which the stones were taken. Secondly, Senator Chambers mentioned that he doesn't like labeling people and I wish he would not make statements like that because I'm sitting only a few feet away from Senator Chambers and when lightning strikes, as it eventually must, I don't want to be hit by it. But back to the (microphone malfunction)...hand, again, it's clear. It inserts to "be paid or granted to organizations or affiliates of organizations which perform, promote, or refer for abortions". Senator Chambers notes that I am pro-life. Senator Chambers is what he calls pro-choice, I believe, but I, unlike Senator Chambers, will not put words in his mouth. He does that well enough. I think we understand the question. I think we understand what this does and what is at risk here and why it is