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just listen to what's come in via telephone calls.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And it says...and then you know what it says: on or before October 1, et cetera. This is probably the heart of the amendment. If you believe, as I think the proponents of LB 425 do, that the existence of a requirement for notifying parents prior to receiving an abortion, if you believe that that will result in fewer unwanted pregnancies, somehow these young ladies have to know that this provision exists. That is what this portion of the amendment does. It says that the schools will tell the young woman, if you get pregnant, you are not going to be able to go down to the abortion...local abortion clinic and get an abortion without your parents knowing about it. You are going to have to notify them; they are going to have to be notified. And then he goes on, and I'm not going to have time to finish what all he said. But I think that gives you a little bit of flavor of where Senator Withem was coming from when he introduced first the amendment and then the amending amendment to that bill.

SPEAKER BROMM: Time. Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Friend. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question before us then is, shall debate cease? All in favor vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Debate does cease. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close on your motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I am not going to withdraw this motion, but I could. I think this issue needs additional debate, and I'm going to find one way or another to see that we get it. This is the first full day of debate, and it's good to let the first day set the tone for the session. The question can be called, but that's just one battle. Not...that's not even a battle; that's a little skirmish. But there are ways to continue debating an issue that a member feels needs additional debate. And I think this one