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SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is correct.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have, Senator Schimek, AM2209. (Legislative Journal page 211.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Schimek, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I've got three amendments setting up here and I'm offering these in good faith. There are three different approaches that could be used that would allow students to get information. Now I've had a sit-down talk with the...with one of the education lobbyists and with the Education Committee Chair, and we could actually find some fault with all of these approaches. But we thought that they...or at least I thought that they would be better than nothing. And so they are presented to you because of that. And, Mr. President, I think the amendment number may be wrong up there. Am I right? Is this AM2209? Never mind. I found it. Thank you. This is the amendment that was based on a bill that was presented by Senator Bohlke several years ago in 1999, and it was LB 329 at that time. And, actually, it was worked on very carefully by a lot of entities and it was...it's my understanding that at some point everybody bought on to it. But as I look at the committee statement, I see there was one opponent and that was Julie Schmit-Albin. But the proponents were the Na...or the Nebraska Association of School Boards, the Lincoln Public Schools, the Omaha Public Schools, the Nebraska Council of School Administrators, Planned Parenthood. All of them came together on this bill and I'm not sure why the bill didn't pass ultimately. Maybe time ran out, but I see that it was voted to the floor by all 7 members of the Education Committee: Senators Bohlke, Wickersham, Coordsen, Stuhr, Suttle, Raikes, and Brashear. And I think it may be the best option out there other than present statutory language, which is the best as far as I'm concerned. But I offer these in good faith. What LB 329 did and what this amendment does is it replaces existing statutory language and requires school districts to post and leave posted a toll-free number that will provide that information. And the number is to be posted