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abortion. It's neutral language. It doesn't have anything to do, in that sense, with abortion. The continuing debate Senator Foley complains about, about which Senator Foley complains, is being actually brought by Senator Foley, not by me, not by Senator Chambers, not by Senator Landis, or anybody else on this floor.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The debate is being brought by Senator Foley. The debate was originally handled on the bill that passed on parental notification. The matter was discussed at length, and that was the best solution that the body could agree upon when we were discussing it. It is one side that continually hearkens back to that issue and brings the debate forward. Senator Bohlke tried, when she was here, to find a way to get agreement. And I think she did a good job. I think there are some drawbacks to this approach, but I would like to discuss, the next time I have my light on, the conversation that Senator Raikes...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...and a member from the school group and I talked about yesterday when we discussed this issue.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Maxwell, on the Chambers amendment to the Schimek amendment to LB 172.

SENATOR MAXWELL: Thank you, Mr. President. I hope Senator Landis is right. I hope there is overwhelming support, enough to move the bill through the system. So I don't want to prolong the debate unnecessarily as well. I just want to quickly address one point. If I could summarize what I think the main message of Senators Chambers, Landis, and Schimek has been this morning--and I'm sure they'll correct me if I'm mistaken, but this is a good-faith effort to just summarize it--it is this: If you support this bill, then you don't care about girls who are trapped in abusive situations. Support for this bill equals indifference to girls trapped in abusive situations. That's the point I want to address. That's the connection that I want to