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vote aye; opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Motion failed. We'll now proceed to further debate on AM2361. I will raise the call. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: We're back to the main amendment again, Senator Wehrbein,...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...and, again, this is the amendment that is the designated teacher or counselor amendment. And, Senator Chambers, if you had been able to convince me that there are no rules for English grammar then I might have bought your argument, but I think there are some rules that you don't, you know, you don't end a sentence with a preposition. Every sentence, every complete sentence has to have a subject and a verb and a noun, and there are other rules that are there. Now, whether people pay attention to them or not is another thing. So I agree with you, there are rules out there that are very difficult that you almost can't say they're rules because there's so many exceptions to them. So I'm going to...I'm going to find out about the "to" and the "for," though, eventually. I'd like to talk a little bit more about what was said on the floor when LB 425 was passed and, again, it was Senator Withem saying that it was not his intention to get schools into the business of telling young people how to utilize the judicial bypass. It's to let them know that a bill has passed that affects them. I'm somewhat like Senator Wesely and some other people that I've talked with here on the floor, that making up my mind how to vote on LB 425 has not been easy. It's not simply, in my case, it's pro-life so I'm for it, or it's pro-life so I'm against it. I think there are a lot of things we as a state ought to be doing to regulate the area of abortion without necessarily forestalling the right of a woman to receive on. I don't think it's a matter of pure black and white. I don't think it's a matter of, yes, anything that restricts a woman's right to choose is bad or, yes, anything that restricts