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Senate Democrats send abortion on demand bill to Walz's desk

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A total of 65 Republican amendments to the bill were rejected.

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Sen. Jennifer McEwen (D-Duluth) debates an amendment with Sen. Jim Abeler (R-Anoka) during a discussion of the PRO Act. (Minnesota Senate Media)

The Minnesota Senate passed a bill to codify abortion access through all nine months of pregnancy in a 34-33 vote early Saturday morning after a 15-hour marathon floor session that saw Republicans introduce more than 60 amendments.

The bill now heads to Gov. Tim Walz's desk where it is guaranteed to be signed.

- Prohibited abortions based on a multiple gestation pregnancy
- Prohibited saline abortions
- Prohibited dilation and evacuation abortions
- Required licensure of abortion facilities
- Prohibited abortions from being performed in a mobile clinic van
- Prohibited sterilization for people under the age of 14
- Clarified that the bill doesn't protect sex-reassignment surgery for people under 18
- Required parental consent for abortions and sterilizations for people under 18
- Prohibited abortions from being performed in unsafe or unsanitary conditions
- Prohibited abortions from being performed on minors without parental notification
- Extended conscientious objection protections to pharmacists
- Prohibited state funds from being used for abortion patients from out of state
- Prohibited the sale or purchase of fetal body parts from an unborn child as a result of an abortion

Democrats argued that the GOP amendments were proposing hypotheticals that never actually happen or are already addressed in the medical field's standards of care.

If that's the case, then it wouldn't be an issue to adopt the amendments, Republicans responded.

"Pregnant people are the guardrails. Medical providers are the guardrails," Democrat Sen. Lindsey Port said in response to some of the amendments.

Other amendments were called an "insult" to "pregnant people" and doctors.

"This is not a thing. People don't go in for abortion at 36 weeks of pregnancy," Port claimed.

Republican Sen. Zach Duckworth said the bill will strike a blow to bipartisanship, calling it "the most polarizing and divisive piece of legislation I've ever seen."

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