

SENATOR DeCAMP: They can be, yes. But let's deal with it more directly, the whole abortion area is a unique area. The Supreme Court has said, well, first of all, abortion is basically an elective procedure. In most cases, it isn't something that is compelled like the removal of an appendix or something else so it is an elective procedure and then the Supreme Court has stepped in and they have created special rights of the children in this area that they don't have in other areas. So in order to avoid a problem of parents being liable for criminal nonsupport, we feel it is necessary to have this in the statute, yes. As I say, it is unique and there is no doubt about it.

SENATOR KELLY: In other words what I am getting in your answer is that there is not a blanket criminal responsibility for parents in this code, only as it might would affect abortion.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes, I would say that is correct.

SENATOR KELLY: Okay, thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? All right. Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. Chairman, a question of Senator DeCamp, please. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes.

SENATOR VENDITTE: You mentioned that a parent or parents never have the right to decide in a minor child's decision as far as an abortion is concerned.

SENATOR DeCAMP: No, I didn't say that. I said there are certain cases where parents have had this choice removed from them. The Supreme Court did that.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Okay, certain cases, now what specifically are we saying when you say that?

SENATOR DeCAMP: We are saying for sure between sixteen and what, nineteen.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Okay, when wouldn't the parents have the right in the decision of that minor child?

SENATOR DeCAMP: When wouldn't they?

SENATOR VENDITTE: When wouldn't they, yes?

SENATOR DeCAMP: They would not have a right in a seventeen or eighteen year old, as you remember we discussed, for example. The Supreme Court took it away, rightly or wrongly.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of Senator DeCamp's amendments, #1 and #2. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay on the motion to adopt.

PRESIDENT: The amendments are adopted. Next amendments.

CLERK: By Senator Simon. It is found on page 1084 of the Journal. You have to withdraw it. It has been in the Journal.