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SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Chambers. And that's been my problem with that particular section of the bill all along, is that if those that are supporting 769, of which I have been supporting the parental consent part all along, if we are, in fact, saying that this is going to reduce abortions, we are deceiving ourselves because, under the statute the way it's written, all that has to happen is a declaration needs to be made, the abortion can go on and then certain criminal proceedings may go on after the fact. But the point remains the abortion can be done after declaration is made whether there was a lie or not. The Chambers amendment, in this case, whether you're a positive 769, all the way, true blood, thick and thin, or quasi supporter or a negative supporter, the Chambers amendment, in this case, regardless of if you like his attacks on the Catholic church, is a good amendment and should be agreed to. Thank you, Senator Smith, and, certainly, you have the rest of your time.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you. I would like to ask another question of you, Senator Labeledz, if I might and I will try not to get up in arms about it.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: All right now, Senator Labeledz, continuing on with what we were discussing, we get to the bottom of the...the section, the two lines that Senator Chambers wants to eliminate, notice of such declaration shall be made to the proper authorities, and so on. All right, now is this little girl told when she declares that one of these three things have occurred to her, is she also told, in your understanding, that what the impact of this would be on her family or on her father or...? Because they keep talking about the family as though pregnant girls all get pregnant by their fathers or their brothers in here. I mean, we were just talking about it a little bit ago that we want to make sure these girls get out of this situation. But in the case where it is a home situation like this, is she informed about what will follow for the family, that she will be removed from the family, that they will...the authorities will go out and...or remove the father from the home if she accuses him, for instance, and they will have to go through the proving