

SENATOR HORGAN: How would you presume then that those schools that would have a very deep religious belief that would be in opposition to providing information about Section 3 deal with that problem when it goes against the very core of what they are trying to do within their educational setting?

SENATOR WILL: My amendment would not prevent those schools from expressing their religious belief at any point during the counseling that would be going on and I certainly wouldn't want to dissuade them from doing that. All my amendment would do is simply say that they would have to inform, at some point along the lines of the counseling that's going on, they would have to inform the individual involved just what the letter of the law is in Nebraska.

SENATOR HORGAN: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Horgan. Senator Labeledz, on the Will amendment. Senator Labeledz waives off. Senator Rasmussen, on the Will amendment.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I just want to make a couple comments. I wanted to remind Senator Crosby that I am a very, very strong supporter of that nursing bill and I don't want anything to happen to it either. But I think there is an important distinction to be made here in reference to that nursing bill. We're not talking about the creation and presentation of a curriculum. We're talking about responding, in the role of a counselor and advisor, to information given to them by the young person and so that's very different than going off and saying we are advocating a particular concept or series of thoughts but rather we are responding to the situation at hand by sharing information about how the law impacts young people in these situations. I think it's a very important differentiation between those two responsibilities. I think the second thing Senator Bernard-Stevens talked about, oftentimes young people may tell counselors things before they will tell their parents. It may well be that when a counselor then tells them that we have this parental notification law on the books that it may be the first step towards young people telling their parents if they realize that this is part of the law that is going to affect them. It may be the beginning of them telling their parents. It does not necessarily mean that the only option left to them is the judicial bypass system, although that would be information that they would be sharing to them. It is