

just want to ensure that if we are not going to amend this, that possibly we should give the physicians, if we are going to go ahead and pass this, the same opportunity to allow them to give that information to that individual for a tape because we are asking them to take time up out of their day to do something like this, which is very expensive, and if we are not going to give the physicians a hearing on something like this, then I think that at least we should allow them to have that option of playing a tape to that seventh grade individual. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. The Chair recognizes Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, Madam Chair, members of the body, like everyone else in here, I have just seen the amendment a short time before it was offered. So I have to react to it, and I guess unlike Senators Witek and Crosby, I view our process as a very dynamic one and I think we have to respond to ideas as they come forward. That's what the flow of legislation and floor debate is all about, and I'm prepared to respond to what Senator Bohlke has offered, and indicate that at this point I think I am going to be supportive because I think what we may have here is a way of preserving my original intentions of introducing the amendment, 71-6909, to the Parental Notification Act, and at the same time remove the controversy that existed. My original intention was to provide information to young women that the bill was passed that is going to impact upon their lives. The thing that developed from that was a process within the Department of Education that in my opinion went way beyond my original intention, a huge controversy surrounding that and a placing of the public schools in the middle of this particular controversy, one which they neither requested nor sought out. I think in practice, nobody has asked me but if they would, I think I would have to admit that the actual controversy on a day...a year-to-year basis inside the schools probably hasn't been as much as was originally intended, or not intended, but predicted. But by the same token, I still think it is a bit of an onerous requirement of the schools to inject themselves in the middle of a controversy that I did not foresee when I proposed the amendment. But what Senator Bohlke is doing is a much more private sort of sharing of information. It does, and I did not follow the whole discussion about whether showing a videotape is a good idea or a bad idea, but the language is that the physician shall provide written information for the...and there may be some language probably we need to clean up with, we