

adult motion pictures. Persons below a certain age may not marry without parental consent. Indeed, such consent is essential even when the young woman is already pregnant. The state's interest in protecting a young person from harm justifies the imposition of restraints on his or her freedom even though comparable restraints on adults would be constitutionally impermissible. The abortion decision is, of course, more important than the decision to attend or to avoid an adult motion picture or the decision to work long hours in a factory. It is not necessarily any more important than the decision to run away from home or the decision to marry. But even if it is the most important kind of decision a young person may ever make, that assumption merely enhances the quality of the state's interest in maximizing the probability that the decision be made correctly and with full understanding of the consequences of either alternative. We also have the definition of "force" and that is in Section 28-1413 but I won't read that, but it is covered and we are using the age of majority in our hospital procedures now. When you do have any medical procedure under the age of 19, they do get the consent or the permission of the parent, and it's not necessary that the parents sign any medical procedure but for the protection of the doctors and the hospitals I understand they do require a signature for a minor, and I thank you very much and I urge you to reject the amendment and keep the age at the age of majority as listed in our statutes.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR VARD JOHNSON: Yes, I yielded some of my time to Senator Labeledz. I didn't realize she would take quite so much but, you know, that's the way it goes sometimes. She says she thought I said all of it. Now Senator Marsh is asking for 15 seconds because she is recanting, and I said, that's fine.

SENATOR NICHOL: There's a minute left and then you will have 45 seconds after she is through.

SENATOR MARSH: You're right, Senator Koch, I vowed to take an oath to uphold the Constitution so I shall support Senator Vard Johnson's amendment. It would make that part constitutional.

SENATOR NICHOL: Thank you. Now Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I think I have 30 seconds left. I personally think...I personally believe that a parental