

and the media. The concept is simple. Child abuse goes back to the law we had. Privileges apply in the adult abuse section. It applies across all of the interest groups. These groups do not have active opposition, the doctors, the lawyers and the media. I can tell you that there is still some qualms from the clergy about the child abuse section, but of course they have always had it. But the other three groups have acquiesced to this language and to the Landis amendment proper. I would move for this adoption. In the event you have qualms with 335, its philosophy, its implications, let's take it up following the adoption of these two amendments. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Labedz, on the amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you. I have another question now for Senator Landis.

SENATOR CLARK: Do you yield?

SENATOR LANDIS: I yield.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you. Senator Landis, when a parent, husband or wife, is abusing the child and that person goes to the spouse abuse or child abuse center, they have no obligation to report that. Right? To the police?

SENATOR LANDIS: I don't believe that is true. I believe that everyone has an obligation to report. If I am mistaken, you may correct me. As I understand the child abuse law, and John has read this law and thought about it, it applies to everyone, everyone has to report.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you. I would like to go over a situation with you especially when it pertains to the clergy. If one of the parents is abusing a child, they have the opportunity and should by all means report that to the police, but instead they decide that they would need counseling and go to their pastor or their minister to talk the situation over and see if there is any help available. Now I want to stress that that parent would definitely call the police if she wanted the husband or the wife put in jail for child abuse. Instead, she goes to the pastor or the minister and asks for help. If she knows, or he knows that that minister or that pastor is going to turn her in to the police or turn the one that is abusing the child in to the police, then definitely she will not go to the minister, she will not go to the pastor.