

encounter greater risk or complications in future pregnancies. Psychologically, minors are much more susceptible than older women to postabortion syndrome, including anxiety, depression, guilt, and regret, and I might add that the complications of an abortion is one of the most important factors of this bill, LB 769. I think I mentioned before and I did it at the committee hearing that I have received letters from throughout the state, and one from South Dakota, where teenagers obtained abortions in Omaha, and one in Lincoln, one from South Dakota where complications set in when the teenager was returning home shortly after the abortion procedure. One, especially, was performed in Omaha and the young lady went home on the back of a motorcycle. On the way home, she was taken to Grand Island hemorrhaging, and at that point, the parents had to be notified that there were complications from an abortion and they had to have the parents approval before they could perform a D and C. I urge you to adopt or advance LB 769 as amended. It is a good bill and there are many people in the State of Nebraska, mainly some of your constituents, that will appreciate the fact that you, too, are concerned about the minor obtaining an abortion, which I consider a surgical procedure. There are many that will say that it is just a medical procedure, but over the weekend, I attended the pro-life convention for three days in Columbus, Nebraska. I heard horror stories from people that actually had abortions that are now in their thirties and forties and obtained the abortion years ago without even telling any member of the family; also heard from teenagers that now are in their early twenties that obtained abortions without their parents knowledge, and the trauma and the guilt that they feel today, even after they are married and have two or three children, is almost unbelievable, and their stories are pathetic. The fact that we are talking strictly notification, not consent, and that is very, very important. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Bernard-Stevens and Senator Schimek. That amendment is on page 1659 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That amendment will be withdrawn at this time.