

started in Douglas County long before anybody else did local programs on drug rehabilitation, we opened our doors up at two clinics to encourage kids to come in if they had a problem so we could help if we could. One of the provisions was that they have to notify their parents. We didn't get any business. We talked to a number of people about it and thought we would try to take care of kids, give them some help and advice, and not have to notify their parents, and our business doubled, quadrupled, and a few other things. With that on my mind, I had concerns, basically, with the bill, with this issue, as well as with the drug abuse thing. But I also know that, feel very strongly that if you think every family unit is perfect, you are obviously kidding yourself. I don't think they are. Some mothers and fathers do a better job with their kids than others, I guess. Where there are guardians involved, maybe some grandmas and grandpas do better than moms and dads that are single parents, whether it is a woman or a man. Sometimes it is a good relationship. Sometimes it isn't. In our effort to do what we think is right for the kids, in this case what is right for the unborn even, we sometime forget about rights, generally as they apply to all of us, and I think the right of the unborn is pretty important. They have the right to live. But I also know that incest exists, for example. If you really think that incest doesn't exist, then don't vote for my amendment. So what my amendment to the bill simply does is for those folks where a circumstance exists that, in fact, places that young lady in a terrible, terrible circumstance with her family, with herself, with her church, with her God, whoever, that they do have a chance to understand, and as all law should, a recourse that may exist in the law itself. In this case, this amendment would simply provide that information would be available to that person, not to advise them to have an abortion, but to advise them about how they should go about appealing the particular legislation we are talking about now, and it would simply provide that information would be available about the court systems, about where they exist based on where that young lady may live, where she is domicile, and what she would be able to or should have to do to appeal to the courts her right to notify or not. That is it. That is it. Make out of it what you will, but when we talk about the rights of people, when we talk about how the system should work, how families should function, and how they should work, I think we have to deal in the realistic and honest circumstance that is out there sometimes as well as what we would like in our hearts to understand. I don't know what else to say except for that. This is a difficult amendment