

and it is ironic that the judicial bypass system which was created as a protection for these minors, it is a constitutional due process protection, and it has been required by the various courts of appeals that have looked at this issue, and this issue is now in appeal to the Supreme Court in a case separate from the Missouri case, have found that this judicial bypass portion of the bill is required. But I think that, and in looking at that, I can see the arguments. The judicial bypass is cumbersome. It doesn't provide the dialogue in and of itself that I would like to see and that I hope will be encouraged in the future in this system. I hope maybe in Nebraska we are going to be more enlightened than in Minnesota and our judges will take more time and more judges will become interested in this area and will not just become a rubber stamp but will actually...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time. Excuse me, one minute. I am sorry.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...that will actually look at this issue. I think what Senator Lynch has done by his amendment is get at that dialogue issue, and not just in the judicial system. I think we need, as a society, to become more compassionate both for the unborn and for the minor mothers. We need to become more compassionate for both sides of this issue, and instead of being at loggerheads and fighting each other, we need to start coming up with solutions that are compassionate and that are forward looking, and I think Senator Lynch is beginning to get at what I was trying to think of over the weekend as a way of supplementing the judicial bypass process. So I am going to support this amendment and maybe between now and Select File we can even amplify on that to do some more kinds of things that will help to create the dialogue to still supplant the bill to make the bill possibly even work better than it did in Minnesota, hopefully work better than it has in Minnesota, and still provide the parental notification which I think most people would agree is a positive thing. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: (Mike off) the Lynch amendment. Senator Labeledz indicated that at the heart of 769 was the idea of the right to know, in that case, the parents right to know. And if that is so, if there is an attention to the right to know about this issue, Senator Lynch has tried to say, fair enough, let's let people, who need to learn about this, know what their rights