

provided to the minor individual, the minor woman, girl, who is going through this very traumatic experience, and it might be argued that possibly this is encouraging the minor to go the way of the judicial bypass rather than the notification, but I really don't think...I think that is too speculative. I think what we have got here, and I agree with Senator Landis, and I agree with Senator Labeledz in a lot of what she says, and I agree with Senator Landis on what he said about LB 338. I think it is important that in our society that we educate our children about birth control, that we educate our children about the alternatives that are available including adoption, and adoption should be very high on the list. But what we are doing by Senator Lynch's amendment I think is taking a real solid middle ground on this issue. We are encouraging dialogue. I think we have to separate ourselves from the polar sides of this issue and look at what is best for our society, both the unborn and the born, the person who is giving birth to this child, hopefully. And I think that Senator Lynch is getting at that issue, and I understand Senator Labeledz's concern possibly about the effect on the constitutionality of the bill. She has worked hard and long on this bill and feels very strongly about it and I respect that, but I think Senator Lynch has really hit at something here, and I think...remember, the Supreme Court is looking at this case, the Missouri case, there are going to be changes in the law. I don't think we need to worry too much at this stage about what is constitutional or what is not constitutional because this bill is going to be challenged anyway, and I think that what we ought to do is to adopt good public policy, is adopt good public policy, and I think the byword should be dialogue, and the dialogue should start at the earliest possible point in this process. And I think Senator Lynch in both of his amendments has hit at this. Now maybe there are other ways of doing it and maybe this is not the most perfect way, but I really commend him on this because I think he has taken a solid middle ground. I think we, as a body, should not worry so much about what lobbyists on both sides of this issue tell us, but I think we should look at it and read the words that are printed there because I think they are very meaningful, and I support it. I hope we all put this amendment on and not worry about the constitutionality, not worry about the lobbyists on either side, but try to adopt a good solid public policy. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Labeledz, on the Lynch amendment.