

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I think Senator Ashford hit the nail right on the head. He said don't worry about the constitutionality. I worry about the constitutionality. If we change this bill dramatically from what the Minnesota law is, we have the very, very possible chance of this bill being unconstitutional. Perhaps that is what Senator Landis wants. I urge you to vote against the Lynch amendment and, Senator Ashford, I do want to ask you one question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Has this been done on any other civil matter in the courts, where they have to be informed of what their chances are or what reasons they have on any other civil matter?

SENATOR ASHFORD: I don't know of any, Senator Labeledz. This is such a unique kind of situation that I doubt if there is any precedent for it. This is probably pretty unique. Maybe drug type...drug situations, possibly.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Well, I don't like the word "maybe" because I know there isn't. We are talking now not about a drug issue. We are talking about a teenage girl, and as I said before, I have had calls from mothers across this state. In fact, I will tell you, Senator Ashford, that I had a couple of calls that mothers said they would not have objected to the abortion. What they were objecting to was the fact that they didn't know that it was being performed on their teenage daughter. One of them was 15 years old, and as I told you, complications in that particular case set in. The parents had to be called to say that their daughter was in Grand Island, she was on her way home. I think she lived in Chadron or someplace near Scottsbluff, and the parent had to quickly charter a plane and fly down to that hospital because her daughter was hemorrhaging, and there was a loss of blood, and she had to immediately have a D and C. It was an incomplete abortion and she had to have the D and C to complete or scrape out the rest of the fetus, and, believe me, that was a shock to the parents. Even though they did not object to her daughter having an abortion, the fact that she did not know it was happening is what caused her to call me and says, why, why in the State of Nebraska do you tell me that my daughter has to go to school to the age of 16, you tell my daughter when she can be married without...that she cannot marry without my authorization. There are so many laws we have on the