

are. Now when we get on the bill I'm going to explain to you why I feel that the bill as written is unconstitutional and that it does need to be changed and we do need to discuss alternatives. There are two basic reasons for it. In the Akron case the 48-hour notice provision has been held to be uncon...24-hour notice provision was held to be unconstitutional. We need to work on that provision. The two-parent provision, I believe, is unconstitutional. You just simply, you disrupt a family by requiring a two-parent notification especially when you have families that are separated, divorced, dysfunctional. The two-parent requirement, in my opinion, is unconstitutional. It is Judge Lay's opinion in the Hodgson case that that makes this bill unconstitutional. That is not to say, as I told Senator Labeledz, that is not to say that the concept doesn't deserve discussion. But to discuss it, we need to discuss reasonable alternatives. Judge Lay talks in his dissenting opinion in Hodgson about reasonable alternatives, that if we discuss reasonable alternatives to guarantee the rights of the young girl...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...if we talk about constitutional protections, if we talk about reasonable ways, for example, in the two-parent situation. If you have a dysfunctional family, if you have a divorce situation where the one parent lives somewhere else, why do we have to require that that other parent be notified? These are alternatives that we should discuss, but they are not going to be discussed, as Senator Landis says, because there is another agenda out here, you take this bill or go home. And I think we as a body have to be policymakers and not lemmings. We have to look at the bill and say, is it going to work, is it going to deal with the abortion problem in a reasonable way and is it going to be compassionate to both the unborn and compassionate to the young girl? And I suggest to you that this bill as written is about as compassionate to the young girl...I can't think of anything less compassionate. There are alternatives, but they need to be discussed. The Lynch amendment is a start. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. When Senator Chambers entered the Chamber he mentioned the fact that he had to run up the stairs and that it was not very nice of us to