

bring this bill up this quickly and force a grandfather to run up the steps. Senator Chambers, it's not fair for a grandmother either to have you reconsider this vote. I, of course, am rising to object to the reconsideration of Senator Lynch's amendment that was defeated the other day and I also want to mention the fact that Senator Landis got up and kept talking about permission. LB 769 is in no way a permission bill. It is strictly notification and another point, this amendment has nothing to do, Senator Landis, with a minor's right to know. The judicial bypass is triggered when and only when the minor has already made the decision to have an abortion and she does not want to inform her parents of that decision. The decision to have an abortion is not made until the minor has visited a clinic or a physician's office and finds out that she is pregnant. At that time she may be told that the abortion is an alternative and that if she does not want to tell her parents, she can go through the judicial bypass procedure. It's as simple as that. She will also be told that if she comes from an abusive family or that she is a victim of incest, she is exempted from the notification requirement altogether. The responsibility for notifying the parents is strictly on the physician. It is not on the minor or anyone else. You and I both know that any physician who performs abortions will know exactly what is required of him. Frankly, I would think abortion providers would welcome this law so they can provide the best medical care for these minors. Senator Chambers, going back to the grandfather and the grandmother, I would support an amendment that if they don't want to tell their parents, let them go to you and let them come to me. We're grandfather and grandmother. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Rod Johnson, Dierks and Scofield.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, Senator Labeledz scored some telling blows there and I don't know if all of them were above the navel. But if the bill were amended to allow the children who were involved to come to me or Senator Labeledz, that would be like sending them to...Buddha and Mata Hari. Members of the Legislature, that was a dramatic pause on purpose. Senator Labeledz and others who have mentioned what is called the judicial bypass, kind of tailgating on what we talked about yesterday on the Bergan Mercy issue, we should call it a heart bypass because there is no heart in this bill at all. There is no concern for children who come into the world as the offspring of poor