

sinfulness of abortions all we want to off the floor of the Chamber, but I think it's a grave mistake to enact into statute a particular moral philosophy, especially when it's done in vague terms in a piece of legislation that is a criminal statute. There are many people who signed onto this bill as people have signed onto other bills without having read it, without having considered the ramifications. It will be brought up on the first day or the first few days of the session, placed in front of them and they will be asked to sign it because it's just an innocuous bill. But as you begin to go into it and see what it really does, then you see that it is in the nature of a flimflam. This bill may have been brought primarily by one senator, but there is an organization behind this bill and that organization's will is to be worked through this bill. I don't think this Legislature ought to do that. I don't think the Legislature ought to do it even if the bill were constitutional. A Legislature ought not do everything that it is empowered to do. Some things are not wise, some things are not in the public interest. What is the purpose to be served by requiring notification of parents when the parents don't have the right under the law to prevent the young lady from having the abortion? It is to say I'm going to make it as difficult for you as possible. So you've got a glowering father, maybe an intimidated mother and you've got a bad family situation when you put those elements together and we're going to take this young lady who by everybody's reckoning is probably going through maybe one of the most significant traumas of her life up to that time and put her through more. And we're going to sit back as the policymakers of this state, put our hands on our hips and not be menaced in any way and lay out all of these high, what we want to frame and call ethical and moral standards to make life all but unbearable to somebody facing an all but unbearable situation anyway. I don't see that as compassion. I don't see that as wise legislating. I can say that in the future we'll look back at this and some who will vote for this bill will say, I shouldn't have allowed myself to be pushed into putting that kind of legislation on the books. It definitely is grossly unfair. What will become of the young woman who out of fear of facing her parents, maybe a fear of going to the judge, not wanting to lie to the doctor, trying to find somebody who will give her an abortion? She'd be lucky if she could find somebody like Frank Sinatra's mother who in a good Catholic neighborhood performed abortions on Catholics, and the women wanted the abortions. And they had these men, you should have read the descriptions of some of them. They plant the seed,