

that is fine, Senator Bernard-Stevens, but why LB 769? LB 769 is dealing with parental notification. And one of the things that's always struck me is a simple analogy. Assuming for a moment, and for many of you in the body it will simply be an assumption, assuming for a moment that parental notification will, in fact, reduce the number of abortions. One may also come to an assumption that a reduction in the number of abortions may, in fact, preclude or lead the way to an increase in the number of pregnancies, and that is a "guesstimate", that is an assumption. Some studies say that that would, in fact, be the case, other studies say that may not be the case. But I think it's logical to assume that somewhere in this country, if you reduce the number of abortions, the possibility exists that we'll have an increase in the number of teen pregnancies, or at least those teenagers that will have children. So I think if the Legislature is going to be very responsible and look at the one end, that on the conception side, or that of the notification before an abortion is taken care of, we must also understand the total ramifications of what we're doing at the other extreme as well. We have to look the issue full face, and we have to look at the issue in its entirety, and we have to say to ourselves we have a responsibility not only in the beginning but in the end as well. Senator Schimek and I introduced an amendment, not too long ago, that was not the same form as 1609, which it had the require...which would require public schools actually to pay for teenage...the day care for teenage children, as long as they were in school. The amendment that will be before us, that we would like the body to suspend the rules, to suspend the germaneness rules to have the amendment discussed, would not do that. It would simply create an entitlement program within Social Services. And it would simply say that any teenage mother, and for that matter father, who has a child and they want to stay in school that they will be given, at state expense, the amount of money necessary for their area to have proper day care while they are in school only, whether it be a girl 14 or 13 years old, or whether it be a girl 21 years old, the reason we pick 21 is that's the age of the State of Nebraska, which the state has responsibility towards. And the State of Nebraska would then say these children are extreme risk, these families are under extreme risk, they will not, in most cases, finish high school. They will not, in most cases, be equipped to handle the stress of marriage and a family. They will not be equipped to move on the socioeconomic scale that we have established in this capitalistic system, because of their lack of education, in most cases. They are at extreme risk, and