

SENATOR LYNCH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I'd like to yield the first minute I have to Senator Smith.

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank you, Senator Lynch, I'll just take that minute. I haven't spoken at all on this issue. You know, I think Senator Gary Hannibal said something that we should all sit back and think about for a little bit. We're talking here about dealing with, as mature adults, hopefully we all are on this floor, we're seeing this bill through the eyes of an adult person. What if you were...can you remember what it was like to be 13-years old? Can you imagine a 13-year-old, or a 14-year-old, or even a 15-year-old, or even going back the other direction it could be younger, kid thrown out into a situation where she has, by the way, that not traditional family, that dysfunctional family setting, which about half of our population have now, and here is this child who has a choice of either going home and telling the parent, or whoever it happens to be, and it was brought to us very clearly by Senator Hannibal what kind of a family situation she may have, or to go through the process. What process? I don't even understand...

PRESIDENT: Time has expired.

SENATOR SMITH: ...this process. I have so many questions, and I'm not going to take too much more of Senator Lynch's time, but if we get back to the bill, I'm going to raise a lot of questions that this bill has brought to me. You know the best of all worlds would be that we could be able to say, yes, every girl should go back to her family and get family support. But that is not the way it really is, folks. I'm going to support the bracket motion.

SENATOR LYNCH: Thank you, Senator Smith. The first question I would ask everybody here, just answer it yourself, have you always told people you love in every case the absolute truth? Has there ever been a circumstance where you know, if you told them the truth, it would hurt so bad you would do more harm than good? You know, you probably, if you think you have been sinful in any way for any reason, you can take care of that in a lot of ways. You can be saved, I guess. If you are a Catholic, you can go to confession. You know that, if you go to confession,