

that if they are receiving...that the costs may not be quite as much as were originally because there are other programs out there that some of those people would be under. The question is, to the body, whether or not we're going to simply be so narrow on the topic and talk about simply parental notification, or we're going to take a more, as people in the body have talked about earlier, an adult, mature look at the whole problem of situations. If you think with the fact that parental notifications will, in fact, decrease abortions, then you might come to the conclusion that if abortions...if the number of pregnancies stay the same, and the number of abortions decrease, we may have a number of more young women going to term, and there will be more teen mothers. And I know there are studies that show in some states, during some years, that has not happened. But I have not seen ever a study that says nationwide, or in a state, over a period...protracted period of time that has been the case, because it's not. And we're basically saying if we're going to take responsibility on the one side, you cannot, you cannot ignore the other side. I've had so many senators come up and say, Senator Bernard-Stevens, why don't you put this amendment on another bill; I could support it on another bill. And you kind of look at the senators a little bit and you kind of smile and say, if you can support it on another bill, why not support it on this bill. It does not change 769. It does not make 769 unconstitutional. It in no way affects 769. It simply broadens the picture. Some people say, Senator Bernard-Stevens, if this amendment is agreed to, it may hurt 769. I don't believe so. I think some members who are supporting 769, who would not support it because of the amendment, were what I would call cheap supporters. I suspect you'd have an equal number of people who are not necessarily in favor of 769, who would be in favor of the bill, if we can take care of some of the other problems of teen pregnancies, in fact I know that to be the case. This amendment will not hurt 769. Twenty-five votes with this amendment on another bill are the same 25 votes on this bill. The topic is here, the linkage is clear, I would like to have a chance to discuss the bill by suspension of the rules. We can get into more discussion on how much it would cost and the other parameters when we get to that point. I would yield the rest of my time, at this time, to Senator Schimek.

PRESIDENT: You have a little less than a minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President and members of the body, I