

topic you're discussing. What Senator Goodrich is bringing up is the point to be taken care of in an amendment, if we need to. It is not unconstitutional. What it would be is a conflict, what Senator Goodrich is saying is there may be a conflict in some of the statutes. Technically, the State of Nebraska has...we have the right to give aid to anybody if they're 109, but for the most part, and Senator Withem can correct me if I'm wrong, we have an obligation until they're at least 21.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you. I think that's the answer. I don't think there is, nor can any proponent point to any, of this bill, point to any case in the federal court level that would in any way suggest that this amendment is unconstitutional. And, if it's not unconstitutional, why the heck can't we deal with it. I mean this is a very real concern, if we're going to bring these children into the world, let's have some provision made for their mothers. Just rejecting it out of hand, to me, is just...is incredible, unless there's a constitutional reason for doing it, and I don't think there is one.

PRESIDENT: Time has expired.

SENATOR ASHFORD: So, with that, I would support Senator Bernard-Stevens.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schimek, please.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I'd like to yield my time to Senator Smith.

PRESIDENT: Okay, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Senator Schimek. LB 769 is an attempt to prohibit abortion. We all know that's exactly what it is. I am opposed to abortion my own self, personally. If we could limit the bill to the first part, where it talks about children should inform their parents, they should get an informed consent before they could have an abortion, I absolutely believe that that's the way it should be in the best of all worlds, in a two-parent family, and maybe not even then it wouldn't work. But getting beyond that point, the reason I brought that up is because your message, you folks that signed that bill, LB 769, basically is saying save the life of the unborn child. I support that. But now I'm going to issue a challenge to you people that signed that bill. I'm going to say