

to you, if you're really sincere you want the life of that child saved, then you ought to also be brave enough to sit here and press the green light that allows this amendment to be attached to that bill, because it is only fair that you allow that mother, it's always the mother in this case, we don't worry about the men, the father that created the child, but the teenage girl whose left caring for a child and herself not able to continue her own education. And I think the words that say it best is the completion of a high school education is a positive factor in realizing an increasingly productive, independent citizenry. We want this young girl to go on and become a productive citizen in our society. This will assist her to be able to do that. Now I'm going to see how you vote on this. I'm like Senator Ashford, I would be...I'm astounded to think that anyone would not support this, if they support the bill itself, how they could say they should have nothing to do with it. They're absolutely linked together. And I ask you to support this, if you're going to support the bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Ashford, please.

SENATOR ASHFORD: I would yield, I have nothing further, I've made my point on the bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Labedz, please, followed by Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Smith is right, we should provide day care services for a high school student. And I will read you part of the amendment. "Therefore, the Department of Social Services shall provide day care services to parenting students, 21-years of age and younger, who are working toward completing a high school education. The services shall be available to such students, regardless of income level or available resources." There are two bills that are priority bills for the Health and Human Services that are priority bills for the committee. They are LB 678 and LB 720. I'm one of the people that Senator Bernard-Stevens talked about that says, why on LB 769. I am totally convinced, Senator Bernard-Stevens, that, if this amendment gets on LB 769, there will be some support that I lose on the advancement of LB 769. I did tell Senator Bernard-Stevens that if he wants to amend LB 678 and 720, I would like to co-sponsor the amendment with him, because I do think it's our responsibility and especially mine to provide