

SENATOR LABEDZ: Absolutely not.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Oh, thank you. When she was talking about doing something that was going to benefit the young ladies, the only thing that would do that is to kill this bill so I thought that she had come to the light and I definitely was going to support her. This is a bill that is designed to create, as we have said so many times, obstacles and problems within a family. It's a very vindictive and punishment type bill whose aim is to tell a young lady that if she is unfortunate enough, in the first instance, to be in a family where there is not a lot of good communication between parents and children, unfortunate enough, in the second instance, to become pregnant, then this bill is going to make sure that she gets the punishment that she deserves for those two blunders. Oh, but the first big problem is that she was born female. So they will require a doctor to be the snitch and that's what it amounts to. Go to this family where the child obviously has problems already and tell them, your daughter has come to me for an abortion and I'm going to perform it. So the next time he sees her, it's an emergency because she's been beaten to a pulp which the supporters of this bill feel she is entitled to receive in the way of punishment because she shouldn't have gotten pregnant. But I say again if she would have been smart, she wouldn't have been born a female. That failing, she wouldn't have chosen the family in which she was born. I was talking yesterday from the Bible and after we left here I did some deep thinking about that and a thought occurred to me about a statement Jesus had made. He said, if a son comes to his father and asks for bread, will the father give him a stone? The answer to that is obvious. The father will not give the son a stone. But Jesus didn't think to ask the second question. If a daughter comes to her father and asks for the bread of truth, will he give her the stone of ignorance, hard-heartedness and vindictiveness? And the answer to that question would be a resounding, yes. That's what this bill is doing. The son, who may have planted the seed, is not even in the question, is not a part of the picture. Without him there could not be the kind of situation that we're discussing here. But because of the double standard, he is scot-free and the girl is left with all of the problems. And in addition to those that she has in her personal life, this Legislature has decided that one of the most important things for it to do this session is to heap additional problem upon her which, if it was done across the board, would never be accepted by this Legislature, would never be accepted by this Legislature. We all know that if a