

grown woman is the victim of rape, there is a reluctance to notify the authorities because of the lack of sensitivity, the tendency to make her feel that it's her own fault and all of those other things we have discussed on this floor so many times when Senator Pirsch and others will talk to us about victims. But then we come to the young girl who is ever a greater victim and we're going to place a greater burden on her than we want to place on grown women. Not only must her parents be told but if she wants to avoid that and tell the doctor that she was raped or she was a victim of incest, then he has to go and tell the authorities which we don't compel a grown woman to do if she is in that set of circumstances. On the one hand, there is a pretense to be concerned about women, period.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then a pretense of being concerned about young girls or young women, when you put the bill together it shows no concern or respect or regard for either category. How are we hurt if we don't intrude into this young woman's life to make it worse than it is already? How do we help her by placing an additional millstone about her neck as she is about to fall into the river and tell her, swim? This bill might make some people feel good but it's going to create untold misery for those the Legislature pretends it has a concern for. I hope this bill does not advance.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Beck, followed by Senators Hefner and Labeledz. Senator Beck.

SENATOR BECK: Mr. President and members of the body, I do stand to support Senator Labeledz on 769. Some of those in the body who oppose this bill continue to base their argument on the worst scenario and that's...that's far from being, I think, perhaps honest in this method discussing this bill. Those of us who have supported the bill have been called immature, self-righteous, not with compassion, sanctimonious, hypocrites, we have harassed, we're vindictive and I don't think this is true. Our desire is to help young people, to help their parents, to help those lives that might be saved, those unborn. There are homes waiting for them. If you visited with infertile couples, as I have, this is a heartbreaking...heartbreaking discussion and those children do find and will find loving homes and these young girls can go on with their lives. And, for the most part, parents do want to know about these problems so that