

of crisis. They need help from their parents. I know that some of you have said, well, the parents don't care about their children, they don't care about their daughters. Well, I...I still can't go along with that. I...I think that they would want to know. And it's true that a lot of them are not living together, in fact, here in Nebraska about 50 percent of the marriages end up in divorce and that's certainly very shocking and I think we need to try to work on that. We need to try to develop a better family life. If the parents don't care about their daughter, no, they wouldn't have to do anything. They wouldn't have to come. I feel that this is good legislation. It's legislation that needs to be passed. It needs to be passed this session and I feel that it's the right way to go. It's true, we don't know what the U.S. Supreme Court's going to do on the issue that's being debated before them at this coming time, but I really don't see how that would any effect on this type of legislation. I believe Senator Chambers mentioned yesterday that this was a Catholic bill, this was a Catholic Church bill. Well, Senator Chambers, I'm a Lutheran and I'm a co-sponsor of it and I support the bill. I'm sure that there are other senators here that come from different denominations and they're supporting it. So I can't say that it's just a Catholic bill. I feel that parents should have been notified before this time but this is a step in the right direction. Like I said before, if they don't care and don't come to the help of their daughter, we can't do any more about it. We can't force them to go...to do that, but at least they know about it. So I'm going to support it and I would hope that you would see fit to support it so that we could advance it to the next stage of debate.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. Some special guests under the north balcony of Senator Kristensen. Senator Kristensen's partner, Tom Lieske, and his wife, Mary, and their children, Shon and Jessica, from Minden, Nebraska. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you. We're pleased to have you. And also guests of Senator Bernard-Stevens under the south balcony, Tom and Rose Ann Harvat and Brian and Teresa Harvat. Would you folks please stand. Thank you. We're glad to have you. And let the record also indicate that Senator Lindsay had 12 children from the Montessori Parent Coop for Children in the north balcony and their teacher and parents. Mr. Clerk, there is an amendment on the desk.

**CLERK:** Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the bill. (The Chambers amendment appears on page 2065 of the