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SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I have decided that instead of just talking in general terms about the bill, I would try to make some suggestions that would make it less onerous than it is. So, for those who are interested, if you turn to page 5, my amendment would strike lines 20 and 21, and the words in those lines are these. "Notice of such a declaration shall be made to the proper authorities as provided in Section 28-372 and 28-712." This relates to that provision that I call the pressure to lie that the bill has placed on the young woman. The language that would be left, "the pregnant woman declares that she is a victim of sexual abuse, neglect or physical abuse, as defined in these various sections." That would stay in. I'm striking the part that says, notice of such a declaration shall be made to the proper authorities as provided in the sections listed. What is the purpose of requiring that? I will ask Senator Labeledz.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you. I was hoping that you would ask me, Senator Chambers...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Your hopes have been fulfilled.

SENATOR LABEDZ: ...I'm surprised...what is it?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I said, your hope has been fulfilled.

SENATOR LABEDZ: You're striking, notice of such declaration shall be made to the proper authorities as provided in Section so and so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR LABEDZ: You're also saying that the young lady that has had...has been a victim of sexual abuse, neglect or physical abuse should have the abortion, which she will have, but you're saying that it should not be reported to the proper authorities so that the sexual abuse, the neglect and the physical abuse will continue, possibly incest?