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SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, what I'm saying ...

SENATOR LABEDZ: And that should not be reported to the authorities? I'm totally surprised, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But let me ask ...

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let me ask you the question. Why is that provision in the bill requiring that that be told to the proper authorities?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Because I want it to discontinue. I don't want the young lady to continue going on with physical, sexual and neglect.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you be in favor of saying that at all these shelters when a woman comes there and says she has been assaulted or beaten by her husband that the shelter must notify the proper authorities in the same way?

SENATOR LABEDZ: I would also support that, yes, because if she is returned to her home and it continues without notifying the proper authorities, I believe that is absolutely ridiculous.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members, did you all hear that answer, that if these women who have to go to these places and the addresses are not given and it's done in secret so that they will be safe, Senator Labedz would be in favor of requiring those shelters to notify the authorities of the problems that that woman had that brought her there? That's what she says she would be in favor of doing and that ought to expose the kind of bill that we have and the kind of attitude that is powering it. And I'm shocked to see some of my colleagues in league with this kind of legislation. There stands Senator Bernard-Stevens and other who were in favor of doing away with the requirement of corroboration in case of sexual assault because we didn't want women put in that kind of a position. When LB 330 that related to arrest in case of violation of protective orders, we had the discussions about the services and facilities available to women and how they need this sheltering protective aura around them because of the plight that we know they are in. Then we come to a bill such as this and all that goes out the window. All of that philosophy, all of those principle positions about the

