

bored everybody by that but I think there are some real constitutional problems with the bill. The real problem with the bill, as I see it, is that it's unworkable. It's unworkable in Minnesota and it's going to be unworkable here. The statistics indicate that the vast majority of teens who live with their parents do, in fact, notify their parents when an abortion is imminent or when they are pregnant. The problem in this bill is not with those...those young girls. The problem, in my opinion, is that maybe from the statistics that I have seen, the 20 to 25 percent of that particular population...first of all, we single out minors in this bill and I have some sentimental problems with that, minor females, and I have a real philosophical problem with singling them out. But we single out another group and that is the 20 to 25 percent of the individuals who, for some reason or another, come from extremely dysfunctional situations. It's ironic in the judicial bypass part of the bill which every judge in the Minnesota case testified does not work. Every single one of them testified that this is a useless system, that what we're doing is we're...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...we're requiring notification, we are requiring notification if someone goes through the judicial bypass and cannot establish that they are mature enough to make the decision to have an abortion or not have an abortion, requiring them to give notification. And those are...from all the statistics, those are the most dysfunctional situations. So we're ferreting out the least able to cope with this situation, the least able, the outcasts, if you will, of our society and we're putting upon them a burden which is absolutely significant without any education, without any help, without any funding and we're talking about, well, we'll handle that later. You know, I think it's great because all of us probably do have good families and all of us are proud of our families and all of us are proud of the communication we have but as we legislate in this body we have to think of those people that don't have those families and don't have that love and compassion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR ASHFORD: So, with that, I will, at this point, support the Chambers amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Smith, please, followed by