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LB 769

SENATOR LABEDZ: And it's in the statutes already that that has to be reported.

SENATOR SMITH: All right, she says that she is a victim of sexual abuse, neglect or physical abuse. Is this what they're going to say to her...are they going to say, you have the option of saying that you are a victim of sexual abuse, neglect or physical abuse? How does she know that this is what she should...can declare?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Well, when she tells the physician she doesn't want to notify her parents, he will have to ask why and then she will tell them why, she is physically abused, sexually abused or...

SENATOR SMITH: Or neglected.

SENATOR LABEDZ: ...or neglected.

SENATOR SMITH: What does neglected mean?

SENATOR LABEDZ: It's defined...

SENATOR SMITH: Well some kids it could mean that her brother got more attention at home than she did.

SENATOR LABEDZ: It says here in the statutes now, has been subjected to abuse or neglect.

SENATOR SMITH: Well, what does neglect mean?

SENATOR LABEDZ: I'm using the same...

SENATOR SMITH: Just a minute, just a minute...

SENATOR LABEDZ: ...two words in LB 769.

SENATOR SMITH: ...Senator Labeledz, this is my time and I would like to have you now tell me what neglect means.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Well, you asked a question, I'm trying to answer, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: What does neglect mean to you? How would you