

of your time to me. I just...I had some concerns also with this particular section of the bill, in fact, I spoke with Senator Labedz's staff a good month and a half ago concerning this particular section. Senator Chambers, I don't know if I have enough time, but I would like to...I'm not sure I want to ask you a question but you can certainly respond as I go through in my mind what happens with the section that you want to delete. All right. If a woman goes to the doctor who is defined in the bill as the physician who is performing the abortion, the physician can say, I can do so if I have written notice from your parents, I can do so if you have declared this to be of neglect or abuse and so on, or you can go the judicial bypass and get permission, then I can do the abortion. The child says, I think I want to declare it abuse. Fine. She has to contact an agency or someone. We don't...it's not clear who. Okay, but they will contact someone, is that correct?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Probably, with the statutory references, the doctor would have the burden of contacting. But, at any rate...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...whoever the authorities are would have to be contacted by the doctor.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, so the doctor then, because he had discovered abuse or there was a victim that said that there was abuse, does the statute requirement and declares and reports it. That satisfies the bill?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. Then he can go on and perform...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: He can then...the person has declared, it has been reported and the abortion can be done right then before any investigation has been done. Is that correct?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Now, let's assume an investigation is done and the investigation then shows that the child lied, now what happens to the child? The abortion is done. This bill did not stop that abortion. The abortion is finished. Now what happens to the child if, in fact, they have been found that they have lied? Is that a Class I misdemeanor on existing statutes?