

CLERK: I have one amendment pending, Senator.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yeah, at the beginning of the debate on this bill, I had four amendments which I withdrew at the request of Senator Labeledz. There is one amendment which is just I think crying out for debate. It needs to be discussed and we have touched on it over and over again, and it should be an issue that would be easy to discuss, and that is the requirement that the notice be sent to the custodial parent only and not to both parents, which is the existing law in 28-347. As you may know, there already is a notification law in statute right now. 28-347, which deals with this exact same subject and which states that the custodial parent shall be notified 24-hours prior to an abortion being performed. This amendment simply, and I believe Senator Labeledz had an amendment to this effect at one point, too, which would call for the notification of simply the custodial parent. It is one way at getting at the dysfunctional family problem. It enables, as I mentioned in one of the debates, the discussion that Judge Lay had in the Hodgson case, it is ironic, indeed, that only in this case, nowhere else in the law, do we require...would we be requiring notification of a noncustodial parent. It is one way of getting around bringing disharmony or encouraging disharmony in an already disharmonious family relationship. Notice of the custodial parent is consistent with existing law on divorce and is also consistent with 28-347, and I would hope we could take that amendment up. It shouldn't have, I would hope would not have too much opposition, and now without...before we move on. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Wesely and Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, if we cannot amend this bill or kill it, I have to acknowledge that I love it. I love it just the way that it is because it shows such incompetency. It is one of the dumbest written bills I have ever seen. I am going to stop being Mr. Nice Guy now. I am going to drop my kinder, gentler pose and tell the truth as I see it. This is a dumb bill, and whoever drafted it is totally and utterly incompetent. Now I am going to show you what I am talking about, and they shouldn't suspend the rules. They should let us try to offer some amendments to clean this mess up. On page 5 when they talk about civil action and criminal action, I like this criminal language. "An abortion performed in violation of this act shall