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solid decision, a solid, good public policy decision that is going to make sense. Obviously, we would like both parents to be notified in an ideal world. And I suggest to you that in most cases, if you have a one parent requirement, if that minor girl is going to make the decision to notify one parent, she'll notify both of them, that's her desire. But if it's...if the requirement of notifying two is going to dissuade her from notifying at all, that encourages abortion. The two parent requirement in 20...out of the Minnesota experience, in 20 to 25 percent of the cases encourages abortion, encourages judicial bypass, which is an easy road to abortion. I really wish you'd listen to this and think through this on your own without necessarily following what the lobbyists may be telling you to do on this, because this really makes sense. So I would encourage you, please, to adopt this amendment at this time. This is the only amendment I'm going to offer on General File. On Select File, consistent with the concerns that Judge Urbom had with confidentiality and the concerns that the court had with Hodgson, with the 48-hour rule, I believe it should be 24 and not 48, but I'm not going to argue that today, but I do think that the one parent makes good, solid sense. It answers some of the concerns that I believe Senator Lynch and maybe some of the others, Senator Hannibal and others may have raised in their very, very well thought out comments on this bill. So let's relieve some of the pressure here and let's pass an amendment that is good public policy, because it is good public policy and makes good sense. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Ashford. We'll try to have better attention for you when you close. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign engrossed LB 330, LB 325, and LB 811. I'd like to introduce a special group up in the north balcony today. Senator Moore has a group of 52 fourth grade students from Willard Elementary School in York, Nebraska. They are accompanied by their teachers. Would you folks please stand and be recognized, students and teachers. I want to draw your attention to Senator Moore's necktie, ladies and gentlemen, if you'll turn around and show us. As I understand it, when the students in this school read a book they get a, is that a flag, Senator Moore, and all the...you'll notice the great number of flags. So apparently you're learning to read, which is an important thing for all of us. We're happy that Senator Moore gracefully wears the tie. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Haberman, please, on the Ashford amendment. Senator