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there are many other senators that have the same feeling as I do. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Smith, please, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the body, I rise to support the Ashford amendment because I think this is one of the biggest things that we were concerned about. I think if you have a two-parent family, and you only have to notify one parent, in law, such as you would be doing with this amendment, if it was a good family, a good working family, and you had a relationship, with something like this I would definitely, I'm sure, share that with my spouse. But what this will do is address the concerns that we had about the dysfunctional families, about the families who have a custodial parent, maybe, and you didn't know where the father was, if the mother was taking care of them, and you had to search the father out and that sort of thing. So it does address that concern at least. But I would like to have a little more information, Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: I would like to have a little more information about...I was not aware that this was on the books until last night.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yeah, I don't think very many people were, actually.

SENATOR SMITH: I guess I'm trying to understand, if we have this on the books, maybe I should ask Senator Labeledz. Can you tell me the difference, Senator Labeledz, about...I realize at one point in time this was not...this was deemed unconstitutional by Urbom. But with the decision of the Eighth Circuit Court doesn't that now make this constitutional also, the one that's already one...the statute that is already on the books?

SENATOR LABEDZ: I'm not sure, Senator Smith, but I think Senator Lindsay has an amendment that is going to repeal that section. Am I correct?

PRESIDENT: Senator Lindsay, would you like to respond?