case of, again I'm thinking of divorce or separated families,
sometimes, in fact many times the wife will have custody of the
child, the husband does not get custody,...

SENATOR ASHFORD: Right.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...however the husband still has not
lost his right of being a parent.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Sure.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: If we go to your amendment, in most
cases I suspect the parent that would be the custodial one may
be the one that would be informed.

SENATOR ASHFORD: It could be, but unless a parent's...quite
frankly, in my opinion, unless a parent's parental rights are
terminated, and you're right, a custodial parent is just the
custodial parent. The other parent may have rights of
visitation, may be paying child support, may have equal access
with visitation to that child half the time. I mean I don't
think we can generalize, but each case is different. So it
would not necessarily be the custodial parent, nor do I think it
necessarily should be, because I think we're centering on the
minor now. We're centering on what would make it easier for her
to give the notice rather than not notify at all, that's the
problem I'm centering on. I know Senator Labedz is concerned
about the relationship between the two parents. I fall down on
the minor child and what she's going through in her mind at that
time, and encouraging notification so that possibly she will not
have to go through the judicial bypass and may select not to
have the abortion, if that be her choice. But...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, thank you, Senator Ashford.
That's all I have, Mr. President. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please, followed by
Senator Ashford and Senator Smith.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I've not engaged in
much of the debate on this bill. And I listened with a
considerable amount of interest attempting to become
enlightened. And I have heard most of the attorneys in this
body and Senator Chambers, who could be an attorney if he wanted
to be, who is legally trained, who has spoken somewhat