

statute, total, total rewrite of this concept, is up to the body and it really is not that critical, certainly to this amendment. It will be critical, I suppose, when Senator Lindsay argues his amendment. I think it is more important that when we're discussing the motives or why we did this or did that, that we continue the argument or the discussion on the merits. I think we have had a good debate over the last five days, and I know it has been lengthy. I wish I had brought this amendment earlier but I didn't. In any event, I have given in my introductory statement why I felt that the amendment was justifiable and really I think you can all see it, and that is the purpose of the bill as Senator Labeledz has said, and the other proponents have said, and Senator Beck has said, that she, as a parent, wants to be notified of this procedure, and I suggest that the best, that what we ought to do in looking at this bill is center on what is going to enhance notification of the parent and not create such a severe requirement in the notification area that we, in fact, cut off our nose to spite our face here. If we require two parent notification, in a lot of cases, and all we have to go on is the Minnesota experience. We have talked about it over and over again. The Minnesota experiences suggests quite clearly that in a number of cases that the minor girl would not...would have notified one of the parents but not both, and the fact that she was required to notify both caused her to notify neither parent, resulting in the only option she then...well, she had a couple more options, but the basic option she would have under the bill is go through the judicial bypass procedure which under the evidence in the Hodgson case is a rubber stamp procedure, and abortions were ordered, I think, in every case, in every case. So the judicial bypass is not really a way of avoiding abortion. In fact at least in Minnesota, it is a rubber stamp of abortion. So what do we want to do? We want to avoid people going through that. What we want to do is bring the families together, as Senator Beck has said. Not every family is perfect, not every family is together, not every family is functional. So when we come up, when we look at this bill, I think we have to look at the bill as it is written and adopt public policy that we believe, as a body, it going to make sense. I think all of us know inside ourselves whether notifying one parent is sufficient. I certainly think it is and I think it is good public policy. I appreciate the opportunity to bring it to you and I hope that you will...urge you to adopt it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the