

of bias in the construction of this test, the questions that are asked and the answers that are elicited that, obviously, discriminate against girls, that when this discrimination has its impact it is in the area of obtaining such benefits as merit scholarships, admission to various colleges and universities. So this test that has existed all of these years has a built in bias against girls, reemphasizing and underlining the double standard in this society which LB 769 attempts to entrench even further. At the bottom of the page is an article from the Lincoln Journal of April 28, 1989 and it points out that the individuals most likely to meet anti-poverty assistance are females and a great part of their problem is based on having to rear children without the assistance of the man who produced them. So, again, we see the negative impact on women in general of the double standard in this society that imposes onerous burdens on them without recognizing their personhood or their human rights. The third article relates to action by this Legislature and this points out how this bill, LB 769, is right in lockstep with the discrimination against women that these other two articles will point out. That article also is dated April 28, 1989. When you read the newspaper in the way that I do, there are some things that just jump out at you because they interlock and help elucidate an issue and the headline on this article is, "Amendment To Inform Young Women Seeking Abortions Fails". And the first sentence says, "An amendment to distribute information about a young woman's right to avoid having her parents notified that she was seeking an abortion, as would be required under proposed legislation, failed again Thursday in the Legislature. That was Senator Lindsay's amendment which would simply have provided that notification would be given to the young woman of the rights that she would have under this bill to bypass notification of her parents by the physician. While holding with bulldog-like tenacity to the notion that notification is a positive moral good, a majority of the legislators voted that when we talk about giving notification to the young woman it is a positive evil and must be avoided at all costs." So these three articles on this one page, that I have distributed to you, having appeared in the paper on the same day, underscore a matter that we ought to be dealing with, not only in this bill but in the legislation that comes before us and male dominated Legislatures have chosen to ignore the discriminations against a majority element of the population. Women and girls have been conditioned through mistreatment and misuse, through education in forced stereotypes, to believe that they are inferior, are created by