

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I will be supporting the amendment to the amendment. Over the weekend, I did not get one call in favor of this bill. I only had one letter waiting for me that supported LB 769 without the Lynch amendment and, of course, that's the same thing that has gone out for some time. I...I guess what really bothers me is all along sex education would be a much better way, if that worked, and an area to target and to protect our children. What concerns me is the same people that are supporting this bill will not support sex education in our schools. I took a survey. Seventy-eight percent were calling for more education in our schools and this was in our Grand Island, Nebraska High School. I also...the same surveys will show you that people don't want to speak out but they, themselves, are personally in favor of abortion in the very few early weeks of pregnancy. We cannot...people...they will say we cannot afford to either give these young girls any help or to help them with rearing their children and yet what do we do? By a bill like this we just simply drive them into illegal abortions or sexual diseases and it really does nothing to protect them or to educate them, or nothing to prevent abused teenagers and pregnant teens, or to communicate with their parents, and so I guess that's kind of my problem. And I would like to ask...I know I have a minute or two, Senator...I don't see Senator Lindsay on the floor. Senator Ashford, I don't know, are you aware that over the weekend, I think you mentioned it in your testimony...

PRESIDENT: Senator Ashford, please.

SENATOR NELSON: ...a few minutes ago, of the judge's decision on the abortion consent law in Florida? One of the points...and it is that consent is being unreasonably withheld from the teenager, the parents or guardian. That's the same thing I hear here, what is unreasonable. What may be unreasonable to me may not be unreasonable to you. Could you give me an opinion on that, please.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Generally, the...from the...all we have is the...I haven't read the case but we have the newspaper article which capsulizes the concerns that the Florida judge had and they are the same concerns I mentioned before and that is that the standard for review by the District Court was vague. And they used the words unreasonable...the consent being...this was a consent bill, not a notification bill but the same standard of review and the same judicial process was provided for. And the