

tell this young girl what her rights are because then she will go get the abortion. Well, we passed a statute that gives this young girl the right to go through a judicial bypass procedure but we really don't want that young girl to know what her rights are and, plain and simple, that's...in my opinion, that's inhumane, that's adding...putting salt in the wounds and it's making a very difficult situation much, much more difficult. We're the ones, we're the body that is probably, eventually, by passing this bill going to heap on more and more obstructions to this young girl's decision making process and we don't even have the common sense, if nothing else, to allow that individual to have access to information which is in the law. So when I make my decision on this bill and when I go back to...I go back to my discussions with Father Mainelli and Rabbi Brooks and their deep, deep concern for this subject and...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...realize that our society is divided and why are we divided? We're divided because it's a moral question. It's a moral and religious question that hits us inside, all of us, one way or the other. And when it is such a moral and deeply upsetting problem we should not just pass a piece of legislation and go home and say, gee, we did something to stop abortions. We don't even know if notification is a problem in Nebraska. You know, we don't even know if...if minor girls who would notify their parents anyway already do. Why do we need a law? No one has told us why...told me why we need a law, in the first place. So we're going to go home and we're going to say, we passed this law and we're stopping abortion. We aren't stopping abortion. We're not even...we're not stopping abortions, if that's what we think we're doing here.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR ASHFORD: With that, I would support the Lindsay amendment as far as it goes at this point. Thank you.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Ashford a question. Senator Ashford, why would you support an amendment that makes it a crime for a physician not to give this notification, as Senator