

Class I misdemeanor which is totally out of line, totally out of line with other crimes of failure to notify. So we really need to agree with the Lindsay amendment otherwise we're way out of line on the existing statute. On the other hand, if this body agrees with the Lindsay amendment, and I suspect it's going to, what we then have is a Class III misdemeanor which is in line with failure to notify but we also attach that with the bill that in all practicality under a particular situation no one is going to be punished whatsoever in the first place. Again, I would like to point out to the body to just kind of keep in mind, if they wish or if they would, when a young woman considers abortion it is not an easy decision, it is fraught with difficulty. The majority of women do counsel, they do check with counselors, people who can help and in many, many cases parents, maybe not both but at least one. But there are many circumstances in dysfunctional families, in families where there is no communication, where there is a lack of understanding and information of where to go for help that this bill is trying to address. Many of these people when they come up with the question of whether they, personally, will have an abortion or not are in severe mental difficulty. In a way, it's another definition of a trauma. In many cases, and you, I suspect, have experienced in your lifetime similar circumstances where you were willing to do anything in order to get out of a particular situation. LB 769 and the amendments that we have, particularly the Lindsay amendment, will, in essence, give a total out to the individual, that is if I lie or even if I tell the truth and declare that my conception was from abuse that once a declaration is made the abortion can take place, or, actually, you can interpret the law or LB 769 to read even before an investigation takes place and before a declaration, as long as the abortion is done and the declaration is made all forms of the law have been covered, the point being that the way the bill is written it doesn't make any difference what kind of misdemeanor you have because if they choose the latter route, (a), they know they will get the abortion; (b), they know they can get the abortion without parents being notified; and, (c), there will be no punishment. No matter what other circumstances you want to put out there, this body when we pass this particular amendment and if we pass this particular bill, will put an option out there so big that it cannot be overlooked by those within this area and that is, again, I have a way of not notifying parents, I have a way of getting the abortion that I so desire and I have a way of doing so that no one will be punished. That can be accomplished with the passage of this