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The issue is a very, very important one as I told you before. I've had letters and calls from parents that are absolutely up in arms of the fact that their daughter has had an abortion and they knew nothing about it and would not have known anything about it had there not been any complications and the hospitals had to notify them that their daughter was in for a D and C or for a blood transfusion because of the hemorrhaging. It is a very, very important bill for family unity and the fact that all it does is notify the parents in the case of a young lady under the age of 19 having an abortion. If there is child abuse, if there is sexual abuse or physical abuse, there are some guidelines where that young lady would not have to notify the parents. We have done everything we can. We think the bill now is exactly, maybe with just a slight change, as the Minnesota law and, Senator Ashford, you have mentioned over and over again that it is constitutionally vague. Evidently you don't have any respect for the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals which is the same court that this will go to, and I'm sure there will be a challenge, but let's let the courts decide whether it is unconstitutional and I say it again, as an attorney, Senator Ashford, you know that we should respect the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. State your point.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: If I remember correctly, Mr. President, the suspension of the rules discussion was Wednesday or Thursday of last week. The rules specifically state in order to reconsider you must do so immediately that day or the next legislative day. We have had...unless that motion has been pending, if it came up today, then it would be out of order at this point simply because we have gone beyond the ruling on page 55, Section 7.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes, point of order. I believe that motion was filed the day after my motion.

PRESIDENT: May 3rd?

SENATOR LABEDZ: I don't know the date, but I know that it was filed the very next day.