

lobbyists on the other side, several of them, they have been working very hard in the last couple weeks. She also said that the proponents of LB 769 have not shown any good reason why the parents should be notified. I believe this state has a legitimate interest in protecting parents' rights as much as they do anything else. The requirement of parental notification is a very minimal requirement. Parents are notified, as I have said, over and over of much less major incidents such as accidents, illnesses, school failing, failing grades, misbehavior. If a minor is arrested, parents are the first to be notified. Furthermore, the law of informed consent requires parental approval before any medical or surgical procedure can be performed on a minor. If one critical medical procedure, however, parents in Nebraska are denied any role whatsoever, even in their rights to know, that is the abortion decision that we have in the State of Nebraska as of now. We have recognized...the Legislature has recognized time and time again that it has a legitimate role in regulating the activities of very young people. You can't purchase...alcohol cannot be purchased by anyone under the age of 21. A person must be 16 years of age to obtain a license to drive. A minor under age 17 cannot get married without parental consent and a student is required to attend school until age of 16. Yet we allow a child to obtain an abortion without even telling one of her parents and I want to emphasize that, it's one of her parents. A great deal has been said about the right of a teenage girl to have an abortion but the principle issue of LB 769 is the rights of parents to know what is happening in regard to their children. I urge you to vote for the reconsideration. The next...as Senator Bernard-Stevens said, the next then would be the bracket motion. Hopefully, that will not go and LB 769 will remain on General File for further discussion and further amendments. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Moore, would you care to discuss the reconsideration motion, followed by Senator Weihing.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, just briefly, Mr. Speaker. I want to take this opportunity, if I may, maybe I can find a nice way to say, I told you so speech, I guess, because I want to talk...take you back to the third day in January when we had a little motion for a cloture rule. Senator Chambers tried to entitle that. Maybe we can't fence Ernie Chambers in but by the eternal "we will try rule". And 30 people voted no on that day and what I gave that day, I said, just wait, there's going to be a time in the