

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...your view on the bill but procedurally, for those that are pro 769 with no amendments, procedurally that's the best procedure for you to take to your advantage next session. And I yield whatever time is remaining to Senator Ashford.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The Chair feels it important perhaps at this point, because of a question that was asked from the floor and other questions asked privately, about the matter of this bill being on the agenda again this morning. The Chair removed this from the agenda for two or three days in an effort to let things cool down and perhaps reach a compromise, if that was possible. The Chair also felt it necessary to put this on the agenda this morning because of the reconsideration motion which was filed. According to the rule book, we have five days to reconsider that motion...a motion. The fifth day is today. It was an obligatory gesture on my part to put this back on the agenda, to follow the rules. Senator Pirsch, would you care to discuss the reconsideration motion?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, and Senator Barrett, I do appreciate the fact that you did put this on the agenda. There has been a lot of discussion about LB 769 and a lot of, I believe, smoke around the issue. Senator Landis talked about government interference in private life. Believe me, that is one thing that I have tried to work against. He talked about the government being in the bedroom and in marriage. But we're not talking about adults. We're talking about children here. Traditionally, whether it be providing food, clothes, shelter, liability for damage and harm, responsibility for safety and medical provisions, Nebraska's statutes mandate that the parent be responsible and even brought about for charges if we do not provide any of those things. Why do we keep clouding the issue about little children bearing children, talking about the worst cases of a dysfunctional family? I'm not supporting this bill to stop abortions, quite frankly, I'm supporting a notification to parents because I am a parent. And I think that because of my interest in my children, I want that notification for what some call a simple surgical procedure that I think is a serious one, emotionally, mentally and physically for my daughters. The reconsideration, I support, and I would hope that we could vote it up, vote this bill up or down and stop wasting time on the