

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Smith, there are two cases, the Akron case and the Thornburg case that state, your amendment would make LB 769 unconstitutional and there is no way that I will accept an amendment, even though it means losing your support on LB 769. I know your strong feelings on the abortion issue, but we're not talking about whether or not that young girl should have an abortion. We're talking about, or in LB 769, the right for the parents to know that their daughter is going to go through an abortion procedure. The case I believe we were talking about, the Akron case or the Thornburg, said that it would be putting an undue burden on the physician to go through the process that you're asking for in your amendment, and even though I do lose your support on LB 769, I cannot accept your amendment. The bracket motion for January 3, I believe it was David Bernard-Stevens that said we are...or no, it was Senator Ashford, I'm sorry, said that we can hold this over until January. We will be holding it over until the fall of 1990 if the bill passes in 1990 because it will not have the emergency clause. In the meantime there are many parents in this state that will not be notified when their young girl goes to have an abortion, and believe me, if you don't believe me, it's too bad that the people that have called me or have written to me and told me about the complications that have set in after their young daughter had an abortion without their knowledge and they had to stop off in several towns in Nebraska on their way to South Dakota in the western part of the state to have a D and C or blood transfusions because of an incomplete abortion and then the parents are notified. What a shock it is to the mother and the father and the family to know that their daughter is in a hospital because of complications. I have sympathy for the family. It's family unity we're talking about and I believe in a press conference day before yesterday they mentioned the fact that they didn't think that...they thought that compelling parents to be notified is more, doing more harm than good. Are we telling the parents of our young girls or our young children that communication between the family on any serious thing that happens to them, especially abortion or drugs or alcohol, that communication with the parents is wrong? Believe me, I don't understand that. Thank God, my children are raised, married, but I'm worried about my grandchildren, I'm worried about your grandchildren, I'm worried about children 50 years from now. When we as a Legislature say that communicating with the family and with your father and mother or for the young girl's benefit, that we sometimes harm them in