

is any opposition to replacing that with one that I have filed, and I was under the understanding that that was the one we were going to be discussing. I am talking about AM2182.

PRESIDENT: I will ask unanimous consent to withdraw and substitute another amendment by Senator Smith. Is there any objection? If not, you have unanimous consent to withdraw that one and substitute a different one.

CLERK: Senator, I now have your amendment 2182, AM2182 that is found on Journal page 440.

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, thank you, 2182. Thank you very much. I am taken by surprise and I am not really ready, prepared to speak yet, because I thought this was going to be an all-day affair, and probably two or three days from now we might be getting to this one, but what I will do is just remind the body of the fact that...I guess I would preface what I have to say with the fact that I have personal convictions regarding abortion and...as we all do in here, I believe, and am not a willing party of the fact that we, in this body, are having to deal with this issue. I believe that it is very personal, very private, and I think that the federal government has relinquished something that should have been retained at that level, so that we would have a unified law regarding this issue across the nation. But since they have dumped it on the states, we are going to be dealing with the issue. I will now go ahead and tell you, if you will remember last year when we debated it, I had a concern that if this bill, which is being called parental notification, was, indeed, parental notification, then what we needed to do is make the bill address that issue as much as possible. And I believe that in the bill, the provision where the by...not the bypass, but where the girl does not go through the bypass procedure or has the approval of the parents for the abortion, but goes directly to an abortionist, there is a provision in the bill that states that the abortionist asks the girl, she has to make a declaration, and if she states that one of the things have occurred in the declaration, then she can have the abortion. My argument is that she needs to be informed of the provisions of the bill which are that he, then, although she gets the abortion, he, then, has to notify the proper authorities, and, again, my argument was that a girl who is traumatized, who is in a position of making the decision to go