

through the process of going to an abortionist, is already in a stage where she will probably do most anything to get that abortion and so is willing to make a declaration which may not necessarily be true. And then in the end what we are doing is creating new problems within the family. Not only has she gotten the abortion, so this has done nothing to enhance parental notification, but now we have a problem in the family. The girl may be removed because of the statement that she made, or other problems are created within that family. And so simply what my amendment states is that on page 5, line 21, after the period, you would insert the following words: "If a declaration of sexual abuse, neglect, or physical abuse is made pursuant to this subdivision, the attending physician or his or her agent shall inform the pregnant woman of his or her duty to notify the proper authorities pursuant to Sections 28-372 and 28-711.", which are the proper authorities sections. And that is the content of the amendment. I am ready for any questions, if anyone has any, or would ask the support of the body. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Landis, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I support the Smith amendment. The Smith amendment, it seems to me, if we are about the business of apprising young people of the situations they find themselves in and the implications of them, is consistent with that goal, that is to say, if somebody is going to elect a procedure and there are implications of that procedure, such as, the need to inform the authorities of the allegations of sexual abuse, or misconduct, then the young person ought to have that kind of information. One of the difficulties that this bill creates, however, is the need for things like the Smith amendment. The Smith amendment attempts to make clear to young people the implications of utilizing an alternative that has been created by the Judiciary Committee to get around a problem, and the problem is, what happens when you demand parental notification when, in fact, parental notification back to the family will create harm, will create mischief, in the event, for example, that you require parental notification back to a family in which incest by a stepfather was the cause of the pregnancy, and so that the family, then, finds out about the incest through the notification prescribed by 769. In fact, it was because of the testimony that was very clear before the Judiciary Committee that the Judiciary Committee amended the provisions which now Senator Smith further