

what our Legislature did initially when they passed parental notification, and that is allow the minor to proceed to court on an affidavit. In this case, what it would mean would be the filing of a petition with an attached affidavit, and then the court could make a determination on that particular basis. I am not certain whether or not anybody opposes this. So we will see from the debate if they do, but I think it is, in summary, it is a reflection of a couple of things; one, the Minnesota experience; and, two, also the fact that we want to make this procedure as less cumbersome as possible and as less time consuming as possible, and I would suggest that this affidavit procedure which is utilized in courts in many other kinds of cases, and which is currently in the Nebraska law of parental notification, would be consistent with those general purposes. It certainly, as Senator...as I guess all of us have acknowledged, Senator Smith in her amendment, that this is a very difficult time for the minor, especially in cases where there is dysfunction. That is a very difficult word, by the way, to understand what it means, but where there is stress and problems involved in the decision, and to put that young minor into a confrontational courtroom procedure, it seems to me to be antithetical to the purpose of the bill and just generally what we are all about here as legislators. So this, this affidavit procedure, it seems to me, certainly gets around any constitutional problem that there might be and does allow for due process and is consistent with our current law. It is less time consuming, less cumbersome. It just seems to me it is something that we ought to consider putting into this bill as it was put into the original parental notification law. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Langford, please. Okay, Senator Ashford, would you like to close on your motion.

SENATOR ASHFORD: No, just...that is it, thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the Langford (sic) amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Did I say Langford? I meant Ashford. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 5 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Ashford amendment fails.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Ashford would move to amend.