

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...then we ought to be darn sure that those individual minors have the right information that they need to make that decision. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the second Ashford amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 16 nays on the adoption of the amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Ashford amendment is not adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senators Nelson and Schimek.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nelson, are you going to handle this?

SENATOR NELSON: Yes. I don't believe Senator Schimek is here today. This amendment was adopted or I brought it last year when the debate seemed to go on and on and on, and I think my constituents were getting tired and tired and tired of what was taking place in this body, and I really don't think that has changed too much, that we should devote all of this time. Through the very difficult time of these minors and young girls, it became apparent to me that we were out here to chastise that young girl for finding herself in that condition, and whether or not she had the means or whether she had the education to rear and support a child. So my amendment said that no abortion shall be performed upon a pregnant woman unless written notification of the pending abortion has been delivered in the manner prescribed in this section at least 48 hours to one of the father's parents prior to the performance of the abortion. Naturally, if all situations were as we'd like, we would also like to have the father of the child become involved and his parents, maybe just as much of a concern to them. We struggle with this, we struggle to do the best, and I just simply could not see all of the burden and all of the discussion put on that very young girl. We were creating, to me, a class system where the wealthier and the more educated and privileged minors were able to get an abortion or they would get an abortion, and then the destructive effects of the notification would then be applied to the poor child or the child that was not necessarily educated or aware, I think even sometimes didn't