

them to know. Know what, you ask? If you follow on the next page, a counselor who is just defined on the previous page, by the way, it also includes members of the clergy, a counselor who provides pregnancy counseling to a pregnant woman shall in a manner that will be understood by the pregnant woman explain the following areas. And what I did is I am asking the body, because this is major legislation, this is major precedent that you are setting for the future children and the pregnant mothers of our society, what is it that we, the Legislature, wish to have counseled. And let's look at each one because you may not want one of these sections in there, and there is (a), (b), and (c). Now under (c), on line 16 of page 2, under (c), it says, "Clearly and fully explore with the pregnant woman the alternative choices available for managing the pregnancy,". Alternative choices, which ones, members of the body, do you want to set precedent as being talked about? And I think you'd want to talk about each one because we dare not make a mistake on this type of legislation that we are about to pursue today. And you have, "(i) Carrying the pregnancy to term and keeping the child." Do you want to talk about that? Do you want the counselor to include that?

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: (ii) Carrying the pregnancy to term and placing the child with foster care or adoption, do you want to discuss that? Is that something that counselors must do? And then (iii) and (iv), (iv) would be having an abortion. The next one, (d), I am not making these divisions just out of lines, just do five or six at a time here, (d) Explain that the public and private agencies are available, and (e) Discuss the possibility of involving the pregnant woman's parent or adult family member in the decision making. Then we have (f), and then we have (3)(a), A counselor shall have the pregnant woman sign, on line 19, page 3, and date a form prescribed by the Department of Social Services, and we're going to list the things that they have to put on that piece of paper before they can get an abortion. And I think you want to talk about each one of those because you are setting a very, major precedent in this state, and all I am asking you to do is look at each one individually...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...to make sure in your hearts that