

courage and the knowledge they need not to engage in the sexual process until they are mature and adults and, we hope, to be married. We have not addressed that part of the question and that is what we are talking about today. Why are you so afraid of notification? If the girl and the boy, if he's involved in the decision, can go to an adult to be helped, I think that's nothing but good. Legislation to restrict abortions is a key to the question of teenage pregnancy. One of the most hurtful things that's happened to women in the last 30 thirty years that we have trivialized life by this constant ability for the hit and run male to have a chance to have his fling, well, no problem because the girl can always terminate the pregnancy, and the teenage girl is not always involved just with a boy, sometimes with an older man who has taken advantage of her, not necessarily her father but somebody who is out there getting what he wants and not taking the responsibility for it after the baby is conceived. Now, Senator Chambers, ...so I don't know how I'm going to vote on these, I wish you would bring these amendments as a separate bill, Senator Bernard-Stevens because I really do believe these need to be talked about and ironed out. And since Senator Chambers is not here today, we haven't heard anything from the Bible so I'm going to finish with a verse from Isaiah, the prophet Isaiah, Chapter 49, Verse 15. "Can a woman forget her infant so as not to have pity on the son of her womb? And if she should forget you, yet will not I forget you." Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Smith, please, followed by Senator Dierks.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I would have had a terrible time saying we should bracket this issue because of the length of time that we have already spent on it and every time we have discussed this issue it's become highly emotional. I believe it will always be emotional when we discuss this issue. So, as far as I'm concerned, we have spent a lot of time on this issue last year. We appear to be spending a lot of time again heading into that direction again this year. I resent that, quite honestly. Irregardless of my concern on the issue, I think that we have spent an inordinate amount of time on this without making any headway and I guess I have reached the point because I feel that we all have a deep...it was said well by someone in here and I can't remember whether it was Senator Landis or who, but we have a very deep conviction, all of us, one way or the other, all the talk in the world is