

he's told me quite clearly what the Supreme Court of the United States will do. Of course, I remember many constitutional scholars with much more experience than Senator Lindsay telling me what the Supreme Court of Nebraska would do on the Enron case. And it didn't happen. The point is we don't know what the Supreme Court is going to do. But nonetheless, what happened was Senator Labeledz and others then signed onto a bill from Minnesota saying that this was not an abortion issue, this is simply a notification, and it's not permission, it's just notification and we want to talk about the issue. We want to have parental notification. And most people said, fine. But what, in essence, happened was the Judiciary Committee whizzed it through real quickly. We got it on the floor, and when amendments began to appear on the floor, it became very clear that Senator Labeledz and troop, I guess, were not going to take any amendments regardless if they agreed with the amendment because if it changed the bill different from Minnesota it would jeopardize the constitutionality of our bill. So, in essence, what we have is a majority pushing through a bill that was written by another state, not for Nebraskans, a bill written by another state without our children in mind, a bill written by the other state...another state that had flaws, but we were blindly going to follow because we wanted something constitutional, we didn't care if it could be improved. And that's when I became concerned about the process, and I came up with this amendment over the interim. And I say I came up with the amendment because it was not given to me by any group. I did take a lot of the idea from an article I read in a newspaper that talked about a bill passed by the Maine Legislature. In essence, I'm doing the following, and, Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, if I could, if I could be reminded...make sure that I hear the one minute that's left, I'd appreciate it. What I did with my amendment is say the following, one of the concerns I have is that we have limited a child's notification process just to a parent. Now I know many of you have grandchildren and many of you have children, but I don't know if many of you have been around teenagers particularly as much as other people have in the last 13 years or so. I can tell you that even good children have difficulty and sometimes are terribly embarrassed about telling their parents certain failings that they may have encountered through their adolescent period, and they simply refuse to tell, some out of embarrassment, some out of guilt, and sometimes they're just simply afraid. That's with good families. Poor families, we don't even get to that alternative. And I don't mean poor as