

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, did you care to discuss the motion?

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I am a little hesitant to bring this point out, but if any of you would get out your bill books, you will see that I was the only vote in the Judiciary Committee that was against moving this bill out. If you will also follow through the debate in front of the Judiciary Committee, I asked two very pointed questions of the proponents of the bill. I see two problems, one is parental notification, both parents, when sometimes we don't even know who the second one is. That's been amended out. The second one was the provision of the Supreme Court. I said that simply will not work. We all know the backlog of the cases and so on, or the district court or subjecting it, the merits of the bill. My answer was direct and straight; no, we will not consider any amendments. I think that the proponents of the bill thought they had a greased bill and it was going to sail right through. I worked with my Judiciary Committee members, I absolutely respect every one of them. Many of them have much more knowledge of law than I, but we never honestly discussed this bill, only just a...not much more than the time of day. It was a greased bill, we could have had a lot of these amendments and a lot of these concerns worked out in Judiciary Committee. I think maybe we've learned our lesson. Naturally, we're working under stress and time. But I was absolutely shocked, we really didn't get down to discussing some of these very pertinent points that now is being brought out against the bill. So I was against bringing it back to the Judiciary Committee again yesterday. I don't think it's going to help. But, again, I guess nothing is going to work unless it's fair for me and fair for you and everyone else in the long run, and this is a perfect example of it. So I just wanted to point it out that actually the proponents of the bill had the bill, as I said, greased and it sailed right through the Judiciary Committee. Now this is what we're finding in front of us. And I'm just sorry to say it, but I said it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question, of course, is, shall the Chair be overruled? Senator Landis, would you care to discuss it?

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the Chair has been, I think, inclined to rule this way because of a