

in Minnesota from '81-85, 99 percent of the petitions were granted. In other words, it was paper shuffling, but the majority that utilized the systems were not of an average range, they were special cases because 89 percent of those pregnant minors who went through this bypass system that you apparently think is the end all and be all, the way around this for the kids in trouble, they were white, they were middle class, they were well educated and they had money. The bypass procedure creates a class system in which the wealthier, the older, the more privileged minors with access to transportation were able to avoid the destructive, compelling effects of notice in teenage motherhood. This is what we know, this is the evidence before our Judiciary Committee. A psychologist with 11 years experience, Carol Crumpacker also testified about parental notification and what she was saying was when you put two options before kids...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...telling your parents in these harmful situations or going to a court system that you also find is not confidential and threatening, you place kids in what is called, and here they use the phrase, avoidance avoidance conflict. This is where you are faced with two options, both of which you do not see as protecting your own interests and what Crumpacker says is that that is the most stressful and the most psychologically damaging of all the conflicts you can put the kids in. The very conflict you supporters of 769 are putting kids in is the most stressful ones that kids can be in. It's a form of conflict that we professionals say produce the highest amount of stress in humans. So that this goal that you have has disastrous effects for kids, psychologically, and their stress, how well they're doing. I know you do it for a good reason, but, in fact, when you get down to the kids, it doesn't...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...help the kids. This is to save your consciences or your political futures or your own moral beliefs, undoubtedly, but it is at the expense of children.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. May I introduce some guests, please, in the south balcony. Senator Landis has 17 students from Clinton Elementary School in Lincoln. Would you folks please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. We appreciate your visiting