

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schimek, please, followed by Senator Chambers, then Senator Crosby.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President, and members of the body, I would like to speak in favor of overruling the Chair, and I think that we really haven't had the discussion. I am going to follow the example of Senator Landis on this one and get more to the discussion of the issue at hand. What do we want to do with this bill? We haven't really talked about this. Are we trying to help the teenager with this bill or do we really want to punish her with this bill? If we want to punish her with this bill and make life more difficult, then perhaps the amendment that Senator Nelson and I considered last year about notification of the boy's parents also would be in order. It seems to me that it is very difficult for some of us to imagine and maybe particularly 39 of us, who have never been pregnant or thought about being pregnant, it is very difficult for us to imagine what kind of a situation this bill might put a 14, 15, 16-year-old girl into. I am not sure that we can imagine the fear or even perhaps the terror that Senator Landis spoke of yesterday concerning a girl from a dysfunctional family. To me, that is the issue and that is the crux of the disagreement here, but I think that we ought to remember that it is not just girls from dysfunctional families that can be tremendously impacted by this bill. At a recent rally in Washington, D.C, the parents of a young woman, who had taken her own life, were there to rally for legal safe abortions because their daughter, who came from a family that was not dysfunctional, in fact, that was very kind and loving, had good communications. This family had yet not been able to overcome that terrible fear that this young woman had because she was afraid of what her parents would think if and when they found out. So she opted for that. I had a friend in school who came from a very wealthy family, now from another state. The young woman was going with a young man about whom she felt very strongly, and the family disapproved very strongly, and it turned out at some point in her college years that she was pregnant. Now she had a good communication with her family and she told her family. Senator Bernie Labeledz, I would like for you to listen to this because this young woman's parents insisted that she have an abortion, and it was illegal, and they provided that illegal abortion because they were very