

a matter of practice by providers covering themselves from liability, not because of state law. This is unlike any other law and it is a mistake to say there is an analogy to the way the statutes are currently written in other areas...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...because there is nothing like this. There are a couple...

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SENATOR LANDIS: ...of occasions in which the law says you need not ask for permission or notification for venereal testing, venereal disease.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: But that, in itself, is not analogous here. There is no law that says what Senator Hefner says is required or that Senator Labeledz has said is required to be followed. It's not in our statutes and if it's so, let's see it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Ashford, followed by Senator Labeledz and Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I wish Senator Lindsay were here and could possibly respond to some of these points that I'm going to make. But the reason I support the bracket motion essentially is this. I don't see how we can vote on this bill unless and until we read the Hodgson case. We have talked about the Hodgson case several times. We talked about it last year and it's been alluded to this year by Senator Landis and myself. And, in due respect to Senator Labeledz, I think if we talk about that issue, the issues raised in the Hodgson case, then we'll be talking about the bill, then we'll be talking about what effect this bill has on certain individuals, and I think it's a legitimate debate. It does not say...the Hodgson case does not say that parental notification in the right circumstances is not a good idea. What it says is that in practice the parental notification law simply has not worked. So the reason I support the bracket motion is that I really stress and invite even if you don't support this bracket motion, to take the time to read the federal District Court case in Hodgson because it's absolutely unbelievable what it says.