

judicial bypass, one of the parents was present requesting the judicial bypass so they could ignore telling the other parent. It should be remembered that most teenagers seek parental advice. The Alan Gudmacher Institute conducted a survey of 2,400 unmarried teenagers under the age of 18. And what was clear was that 55 percent of the total number of teens consulted their parents. That number goes up markedly as you get older. Twenty-one percent of the remaining number said that they would also notify, if they were required to, 23 percent said they would absolutely not notify their parents. Apparently they would search out an illegal abortion if necessary. The ramifications are disturbing. Imposed parental notification would seriously harm about one-fourth of the pregnant teens who are seeking an abortion. The Alan Gudmacher Institute study also supported the evidence in the Minnesota case. Teenagers who avoid testifying, notifying their parents do so for very good reasons. One reason is that the homes they come from are very unstable or are violent, where parents are physically or emotionally abusive, alcoholic, ill, jobless or absent altogether. There are also the situations where the victim comes into a clinic due to incest. Additionally, there are also problems with runaways and the fear of teenagers in that they might be thrown out of the home if their parents are notified. Finally, the social service professionals testified that judicial bypass procedures discriminated against the poor, the rural and the minority. The burden falls most heavily on teens who are already suffering from a disadvantage. Out of the 3,500 minors who went through the Minnesota court bypass procedure, from '81-85, 99 percent of the petitions were granted. In other words, the judicial bypass did not provide any significant oversight from the state. However, it did do, I assume, what the introducers of that measure and this measure want. It delayed the procedure and in fact made it more dangerous unfortunately, but 89 percent of those pregnant minors went through the bypass procedure were white and were middle class. They were better educated. 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 effects of compelled notice...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...and teenage motherhood which are the other two choices. In conclusion, I would emphasize that the judges found parental notification to cause delay, that led to