

expanded the kinds of health issues that we talk about in our schools and would have begun those discussions in age appropriate sequences in the elementary school and gone through the 12th grade. And I don't believe that you can just talk about reproductive organs and how sex actually works without talking about a whole host of other kinds of issues. One of the issues in that comprehensive health education bill had to do with family life education, and many took this to be a family planning kind of section. It wasn't that at all. The kind of health...the curriculum that was envisioned by that was a curriculum which would talk about relationships between teenagers, would talk about how you go about deciding on a marriage partner, would talk about how you say no to sex until there is a level of responsibility there that would imply marriage vows and all of the other kinds of things that we would like to see. It would talk about other areas which impact on the whole pregnancy question. You can tie drug and alcohol abuse to the pregnancy question because it is often when young people are under the influence that pregnancies occur. You could talk about mental and emotional health. You could talk about self-esteem. You could talk about a whole host of health issues...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...that would all be related to pregnancies and how to prevent them. We need to look at the whole child and not just talk about sex or about reproductive organs, but rather about the whole teenager. And I would suggest to you that if, by any chance, we should come to a vote on attaching LB 769 to LB 688, and it is successful, then I will attempt to revitalize LB 514, minus the death and dying provision which many of you objected to on the floor, and I will attempt to amend that onto this bill because I think, like you, that is an important part of the whole issue that we are trying to address here. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, please, followed by Senator Landis.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I hope that maybe the tone of the body is beginning to change and a little bit of common sense and respect can be regained from the public, and so on and so forth, and that somehow or other we can see the end of this and continue on with the important issues of the Legislature. And I