

think most, Senator Hall, Senator Schimek, and as most of us have said for sometime, there are some middle roads in this issue, and I don't know if it can be arrived at in this session. But with that, I will give the rest of my time to Senator Landis.

**PRESIDENT:** Senator Landis, please. Senator Landis, you are the next speaker, also, so you have approximately nine minutes.

**SENATOR LANDIS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to comment that this has been an illuminating debate. I found Senator Hall's remarks very, very intriguing and challenging. Although I have my own convictions, I do attend to the comments of others attempting to gain from them illumination, to rethink my own position, and I found those among the most valuable remarks we have had this year on this topic. I want to return to the issue at hand which really is, out of all, the parental notification issue and I want to continue that line of discourse that I have been making today and that is the effects of passing such a measure. I was quoting the last time that I had a chance to speak from the remarks of Dr. Ann Coyne, a social welfare professor, a Catholic, and an opponent of LB 769. She says in her comments before our Judiciary Committee, the abortion notification requirements that are contained in LB 769 are likely to exacerbate the dysfunctional family situation and put the girl at higher risk rather than protecting her in this situation. The bill's provision about notification, if a minor declares that she is a victim of sexual abuse, neglect, or physical abuse, if she reports it to her physician, she then triggers the fact the physician by law is mandated to report that to child protective services or law enforcement. In other words, the loop will be closed; the girl's statement will come home to the family; the dysfunctional family will erupt. Since a child protective service investigation would reveal the girl's pregnancy and intent to abort, a declaration of abuse to her physician would simply just be a more dramatic way of notifying her parents. I also have concerns if this notification requires that the abuse be substantiated by authorities or simply reported to the authorities. Adolescent abuse cases do not receive a high priority for investigation. It would mean longer delays, more health risks for the girl. During the time of the investigation before any kind of an investigation occurred, the adolescent would be unprotected and would be in a high risk for abuse during the period of time that there was, in fact, no investigation if that was to be interpreted as an obligation