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had lived 17 years being beaten and the repetition of that story when it was first recorded was that she was at the age of 5. She had been beaten, her brothers, her sisters, her mother. In this situation, is it reasonable to send her back to her father for the resolution of this pregnancy? What's the most likely result? Lisa didn't wait to find out. She ran away from home. Those kinds of stories are not uncommon. That...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...story occurred to a woman in Nebraska, and in 1988, 1700 Nebraska teenaged women had abortions. They were pregnant. Many, the majority, told their parents but some did not. Some did not for very, very good reasons.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time. Discussion of the Landis motion to return the bill. Senator Hall, followed by Senators Chambers and Baack.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in opposition to Senator Landis's motion to return the bill. Although I appreciate the issues that he talks about and the fact that the amendment that he would offer is basically offered tongue in cheek, but the topics that he speaks about are offered, I think, in all sincerity. But I would argue that you could say exactly the same things about and often some of the same types of Lisa stories about individuals, young girls who have had abortions. They have been beaten at home because they have had abortions. They have been abused because they have had abortions and the whole premise for the argument is that you are forcing a very dangerous procedure on those young girls by saying that parental notification would be a prerequisite to an abortion. Now Senator Landis clearly pointed out that ... an example of Lisa, that Lisa's mother was supportive. Lisa, could, under the amended version of LB 769, have gone to her mother to be allowed to get that abortion. That would not have been affected. But, again, the statistics and the laundry list of problems with regard to medical procedures for an individual at a certain age as opposed to another age, you would think that LB 769 was the root of every evil that ever beset mankind, everything from low test scores to, oh, being able to graduate from college because of a parental notification bill. The fact of the matter is that the aborted individual, the baby, would very likely have problems with premature birth, low birth rate, birth injury, probably even a nutrition deficiency and I would wage the