

argument that there would be better than a 100 percent chance of a death at infancy. They would never have the opportunity to test low on any scores. They would never have the opportunity to repeat a grade, graduate from high school, be a teenage mother or father, I guess, for that matter. There would be a number of interesting things that would happen to that unborn child. I don't think that LB 769 is the cause of all those items out there that Senator Landis pointed out in his opening. I think that the parental notification issue...and as he very honestly stated, many, the vast majority of young people who had abortions did tell their parents and that would not change with a parental notification procedure. There would be a number of young people who would then, I guess, have to tell one of their parents in order to have an abortion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: Or they would choose not to have an abortion, be forced. I don't think that would happen. I think what would happen is that they would tell one of their parents. Now, the argument is, do you then subject that young person, that woman to abuse? I don't know. I don't think you do, but I do know that there are many young people out there who make those decisions without any help, without any support, and it's unfortunate that that happens. It's very unfortunate.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, we're dealing with a different set of circumstances today than we were dealing with a few years ago and a lot of young girls are put in a position where they have to develop at least the appearance of psychological maturity at a much earlier age. So they have been exposed, in many instances, to all types of abuse, physical and sexual at home, sometimes at school, sometimes even at church during activities, not worship services but activities that are church sponsored. So they develop a very cynical attitude about society but a survivor type mentality for themselves and they are not these individuals who don't know which way to turn if faced with the prospect of determining whether or not to carry an abortion...pregnancy to term or to have an abortion. As Senator Hall and Senator Landis pointed out, many will notify their parents anyway. The fact is there are others who don't and dare not. And I can't just sweep those under the rug and say, well, it's too bad that they have