

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. President, I didn't want the week to go by without, for the second time in about three weeks, congratulating Senator Chizek inasmuch as he is a grandfather again for the second time in three or four weeks and I understand he hasn't consented to the name of the child yet, but I guess I could have done this with a point of personal privilege but as long as my light was on I wanted to congratulate him for that and then with that, I will give the rest of my time to Senator Chambers.

PRESIDENT: Oh, Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, while some of the senators were away, I was reading from articles and discussing things that have happened in other parts of the country and in one example, other parts of the world. I had talked about the law passed in Guam, the most restrictive abortion bill to have been passed and the problem it created between a mother, who is the state senator who offered the bill, and her daughter, who is the one who went into court to challenge it, and the bill has been enjoined as any sensible judge would have to do. But the key point in that particular scenario is that the mother and the daughter have not talked to each other since this thing developed. What we have been talking about in LB 769 is compelling a young woman to have to go to a parent in a situation of the kind we might have in the Guam situation where there is no rapport whatsoever and she, before she can obtain an abortion, must be subjected to whatever abuse that mother is going to heap upon her. And because of the vindictiveness the mother might feel, she would do everything she could to cast a stumbling block in the path of her daughter. Not every woman called a mother fits the concept of the glorification image that we're often presented when we're in school and when certain of the other sentimental movies are presented. Many women who become mothers are women who, as they were growing up, were abused, and even though they mean right and want to do right, they don't really know how to be good mothers. Men I don't discuss too much in terms of being good fathers because a lot of them take off and run anyway. In many instances, they are the abusers, yet the law becomes blind when considering, if at all, these men who do these types of things. I want to tell you one of the classes of men that I have the least sympathy for, and I was in that class except that I paid my child support, I paid my child support. My children were my