

abortion by at least 48 and more commonly 72 hours, in some cases as much as two weeks. This delay is compounded by scheduling factors such as clinic hours, transportation requirements, weather, school, work commitments. In many cases, in other words, the delay is a week or more. Remember, that means that we're moving the young person back later into a second trimester which maximizes dangers that she might experience in that situation. None of the judges, who administered the judicial bypass and who listened to and heard over 3,000 cases in Minnesota, on either direct or cross-examination identified a single positive impact of the law. They could not find an improvement in family relations. They could not find an improvement of the consent quality of the young people. They could not find that somehow minors interests were better protected under the concept of LB 769. The judges who used the judicial bypass in 3,000 cases could not identify for either side, and they were available to the cross-examination of both sides, a single, positive effect for young people. Clinic counselors testified according to the decision of Judge Ulsop, based on conversations with both parents and minors, that the law had not promoted family integrity or communication. The law has, according to Judge Ulsop, more than anything disrupted...

SENATOR HEFNER: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...and harmed families. This is a finding of fact after a trial on exactly the question of the impact of this law. The judges finding of fact after listening to both sides was that the law harmed and disrupted families. Public defenders and guardians ad litem believe that the law serves no beneficial purpose, recited the court. Its sole function, in their view, again recites the court, is to create an hurdle and impose additional stress upon minors. Minnesota courts have denied an infinitesimal portion of petitions that indicates that immature minors rarely seek judicial authorization to terminate their pregnancy without parental involvement. Defendants offered no persuasive testimony upon which to base a finding that the law enhances parent-child communication or improves family relations.

SPEAKER HEFNER: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: In other words, ...thank you.