

affluent as middle-class backgrounds, Hispanics, blacks, the rural teenagers, far more likely either to tell their parents or somehow or another to get to another state and to get an abortion without anyone's knowledge to defeat the operation of the statute. There is a second facet in the way this bill discriminates and that is against females. There is no similar statute requiring teen males to prove their maturity before making a decision regarding sexuality in parenting. Only females bear this burden under LB 769. Secondly, state statutes addressing sexuality...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...and reproductive issues involving males such as treatment for venereal disease, contraception recognize minors capacity to give informed consent without parental approval. Females are singled out while no requirements are imposed upon teen males whose sexual activity results in pregnancy. If the true intent of a pregnancy, of the parent notification laws were to foster parent, child communication, laws would require both boys and girls to consult their parents on a wide range of issues, including sexual activity and pregnancy. It doesn't happen. The net effect is to discriminate against young girls and to force them into situations which would require them to either notify potentially abusive parents or to make use of a judicial process which is far to complex or costly for them to use.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I was intrigued by Senator Robak. Spencer, Senator Morrissey, they took what you mentioned earlier about going through the noonhour, whatever, and being able to maybe not go to lunch and meet together, and they have taken that a step further. Senator Robak was mentioning that she had a good idea, you know, to take that further, we could all kind of get together over a period of time over the noonhour and we might even be able to break up into committees to divide some of the questions that we have and maybe we could just hold hearings and maybe a group of us could represent so many and we could call it the Nebraska Legislature.

SENATOR ROBAK: That was my idea and I take umbrage of that. That was my idea from listening to the floor debate, and, Dave,