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SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Morrissey, did I not mention that Senator Robak had mentioned that? And, Senator Robak, I said that. I did not usurp that idea. But, nonetheless, she thought we could call it the Nebraska Legislature II and then move on, but be that that it may. One of the things that I was able to do is go to a lot of the high schools. One particular school I went to was the St. Patrick's High School in North Platte. Obviously, they are very interested in the parental notification bill. Talked to Mrs. Ostermeyer's class, very, very sharp group, one of the sharpest I have been around in a long, long time. They were able to actually discuss the bill and go through some of the things, and so part of the things that have not really been talked about necessarily are what some of the problems were and, actually, I guess still are. And what I tried to do with those different groups that I talked to, particularly the young people who obviously it is going to affect, I would say, I am going to try to, and there were a lot of people there I think that would have made sure that I stayed in line, I am going to try to present this as unbiasedly as I can. I am going to talk about the bill and what it would do. You say if anything comes to your mind that might be a problem, or if you think it is good, or what have you. We got to point where the parent could send a note to the physician saying that they had been informed, and the snickering just started. Everywhere I went, the kids, the snickering started, and I would say, what are you laughing about? And they said, a note, you know, we could provide a note from our parents stating or a letter from our parents stating that they had been notified? And I said, yes, that is all that is necessary. Do the parents need to be there? Well, no, that is not specific in the bill. So, in essence, they said, well, we could then forge the note, right? And I said, well, in theory, if that is what you were inclined to do, yes, you could. Well, I assume they are going to call, the students said, the doctor has to call to verify that the note came from a parent? No, they don't have to do that according to the bill. Well, I assume then there is to be some checkup to make sure that our parents actually wrote the note? And I said, no, it was talked about, it was discussed, but that amendment was not agreed to. And they just flat-out said at that point, everywhere I went, I talked to the young people, and they said, well, that is ridiculous. It won't work. Those that are going to tell their parents will. Those that aren't won't, simply forge a note, and have it done. Then we