

SPEAKER BARRETT: Have you items to be read in?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. Thank you. I have amendments to be printed from Senator Abboud to LB 1246; Senator Hall to LB 1090; and Senator Abboud to LB 976. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 1769-74 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. A motion to adjourn until Monday morning at nine o'clock. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 19 nays to adjourn.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion fails. Back to the matter of reconsidering the motion to return the bill to Select File. Senator Schimek, please, followed by Senators Chambers and Landis.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I'd like to talk about parental notification, and I'd like to talk about the impact on young women as opposed to perhaps young men. You know, when we were discussing this bill before, Senator Nelson and I had an amendment which I think we withdrew, Senator Nelson, I can't remember for sure. But it would have required notification of the young man's parents, also, or parent, believing that both people were partners in a pregnancy. In Minnesota, as in all other states with mandatory parental involvement laws, no statute similarly requires teenage men to prove their maturity before making decisions concerning sexuality or parenting. In fact, where the decision or treatment might involve young men, such as statutes regulating venereal disease, treatment and contraception, many states, including Minnesota, recognize minor's capacity to give informed consent. In this way the effect of parental consent laws is to single out unmarried, minor women whose sexual activity results in a pregnancy and subject them to burdensome and often traumatic requirements. Such requirements are not imposed upon unmarried, minor men whose sexual activities results in pregnancy. By telling a young woman that she may not decide in whom she will confide, or that the abortion decision is not her's to make, these laws reenforce disabling notions that women are not and never can be mature, that women's sexuality is dangerous, and that a young woman's separation from her family is somehow bad, while her brother's is not. The evidence