

indicates that an interest in fostering parent-child communication is not attained through laws mandating parental involvement. Nevertheless, if this interest was the actual basis for the enactment of parental notification and consent laws, then these laws would require that both girls and boys consult their parents on a wide range of issues, including sexual activity and pregnancy. The fact that these laws mandate parental involvement only for a decision made by a minor woman, and only when that decision applies to abortion, reveals the anti-choice purpose of these laws and has the effect of discriminating against young women. I think it's something that we haven't talked about very much on the floor. It's something which needs talking about. Pregnancies are the responsibility of the actions of more than one person, and in our society very often the results of those pregnancies, the child that ensues is left as the responsibility of the young woman who is often unmarried, who often has to go on ADC in order to support herself and her child, and the ways in which the fathers are responsible are often nil. Child support is not forthcoming and, in fact, many of the young men do not acknowledge paternity in these cases. I don't think you can have it both ways. Parental consent, if at least the young woman is willing to acknowledge who the father is, both sets of parents should be involved in the discussion of these issues. That's all I have for now. Mr. President, if I have any time left, I'd like to give it to Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, forget it then. (Laugh.) Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, here is an article, a column by Mike Royko of the Chicago Tribune, and it's dated February 6, 1990, and it's talking again about my good friend, Governor Mario Cuomo, old hell-bound Mario Cuomo. I kind of feel an affinity for him today, in view of that. And this is what Mike Royko says about that, but he gives a little background first. Here's the article. A woman I know is a semiprofessional astrologist; give her your birth date and she'll use her strange charts filled with stars and moons to advise you on whether you should go into a new business, have a fling with your secretary, or eat soup for lunch. Many people think it's nonsense, others believe in it. Nancy Reagan, for