

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And one of those things was to expand the number of people that a woman or a minor in this case could go to, instead of just having a parent or go into the court system or go...lie or go to some other state or forge a note, we have expanded it for more people, grandparents, for example, aunts and uncles and so on.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: There were some other things that were added that would be thrown open to discussion and I will talk about those at a...when I have more time. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President and members of the body, I want to stop and ask a few questions here tonight. Senator Chambers is in awfully good form and awfully good humor today and he has added a touch of lightness to this whole thing that's needed, I think, to keep tempers under control and people from lashing out at other people, as sometimes occurs when you are discussing an emotional issue like this. I guess I would like...I guess I would refer him to the...as...to the good guy on this occasion and I guess I would like to be maybe the bad guy on this occasion and I would like to get serious for a minute and ask what are we doing here at eight thirty-four in the evening? What do we hope to accomplish with this discussion? Is it going anywhere? What kind of legislation are we going to accomplish if indeed we do accomplish legislation with these strenuous efforts? Is the legislation going to prevent any more pregnancies? I go back to Senator Tim Hall's remarks this afternoon and his talk about the need for better education, better available contraceptions so that we don't have these pregnancies in the first place. Is a bill like this going to help the young women who are pregnant? Remember that 77 percent of these young women do communicate with their families. We're talking about 23 percent of those young women who want abortions. Those are the people that are affected by this bill. What have been the experiences in other states where such bills have been passed? Can we not learn something from those other states like Minnesota? Six state court judges, who together heard approximately 90 percent of the petitions to waive the