

notice requirement in the Minnesota state courts, testified at the Hodgson trial. As the district court found none of these judges, on direct or cross-examination, identified a positive effect of the law. For example, Judge Allen Aliske had heard over 1,000 parental notification petitions. He characterized his function like a routine clerical function on my part, just like putting a seal and stamp on it. Judge Aliske stated that minors were subjected to stress by the court procedure, moreover he believed that the statute dissuaded some minors from having abortions because they feared going to a court in a distant city. Another judge, Judge Gerald Martin stated that he did not perceive any useful public purpose to what I am doing in these cases. Moreover he found the experience very difficult for minors. I think they find it a very nerve-racking experience, he said. Judge Garity, who had adjudicated the same type of bypass...adjudicated the same type of bypass petitions in Massachusetts testified that these laws accomplish nothing. It just gives these kids a rough time. Is that what we want to do? Just give these kids a rough time. I can't think that it accomplishes a darn thing. I think it basically erects another barrier. Further, he felt going to court...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...was absolutely traumatic for minors. You know, it was just...it was just another thing at a very, very difficult time in their lives. Is that what we're trying to do here? Make it very, very difficult at a very, very difficult time in their lives. Similarly, public defenders testified the law served no beneficial purpose for minors. They believed that it's sole function for young women was to create an additional hurdle with the attendant stress. The guardians ad litem did not even know what purpose they served in the process. It was the unanimous opinion of health professionals who work with minors in Minnesota that the law did not and could not serve its purported purpose of promoting family communication, helping decision-making of minors and helping with medical treatment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: I would like to give my time to Senator