

into that Alice in Wonderland world where nothing is what it appears. You've got a mad hatter. You've got a crazy person called the queen who is always saying, off with their heads. You have these cards sitting around drinking tea and having parties. Then you have this poor little girl again, the female,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...tumbling down this hole in the ground into all this craziness and insanity. And that's what the Legislature is rapidly becoming. Nothing is what it appears to be. And whatever something appears to be is not what it really is. We're not dealing with truth. We're not dealing with a quest for truth. We're dealing with an attempt by people outside this Legislature to show their raw and naked power, the power they think they have. See, they said too much in the newspaper about how they're going to control this Legislature now. They said that. They said we've been...we've been gentlemen. A lady said we've been gentlemen. Maybe she's been in the struggle so long that she's gotten genders mixed up. They might have been gentlewomen out there but I don't know, that's not for me to decide because I haven't been involved in their activities. But one thing I know, they're not on this floor to cast a vote. They're not on this floor to offer a motion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In response to Senator Schimek, I just want to see if we can put this into some perspective. At least I can state what I understand the situation has become and maybe Senator Lindsay can talk about that as well. In contrast to what Senator Chambers is saying, I think what was attempted to be done earlier tonight between Senator Withem, Senator Lindsay and Senator Bernard-Stevens and some others of us inside the Chambers, not any outside group or anyone having any influence, I don't think, over us, what was attempted to be done is to take those of us who felt that parental notification as a concept was worthy of at least further discussion and worthy of looking at closer. We sat down and tried to think of some language that would try to satisfy that group of us who felt that the concept was a positive one but that the bill, as drafted, had many of the problems, in fact, that Senator Schimek has talked about tonight and Senator