

can notify, if we pass the amendment, a grandparent or an aunt or uncle. It gives to that minor child more options than she had under the existing law. So but if, on the other hand, the law, the Minnesota law is declared to be unconstitutional, if that alternative occurs in July, then what we pass tonight or tomorrow is not going to make any difference. The law we have on the books is still going to be unconstitutional. The law we pass here is, if we do pass one, is going to be unconstitutional. So the way I look at this is, we can't hurt ourselves any by improving existing law. If we had nothing on the books in this area, I think it would be...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...valid to argue that, look it, we're getting involved in legislation, we're getting involved in legislation in a new area that we have not been involved in before and let's wait for the Supreme Court to decide. In fact, we have become involved, so that's my reasoning behind doing what I'm doing here with the Lindsay amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers. Yes, you have, Senator Chambers. Thank you. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, members, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I was going to ask Senator Hall a couple of questions but I don't see Senator Hall here, so I will go ahead and ask Senator Chambers if he'd be willing to yield to a question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, would you respond?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm afraid I didn't hear the question.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I didn't ask one, that's why you didn't hear it, but I was just asking if you would. What...I guess what I'm wondering is, is in this proposal that might some day be before the body, that they may vote on, one of the things that was included in there was an expansion of who could be informed for this notification. It would be expanded I think as you know, from parent to grandparents, aunts and uncles. One of the things that has been relayed to me and I've heard quite honestly a couple of opinions is that it was felt, and I know these are mere opinions, I understand that. It was felt that if the body went with that, it would be clearly unconstitutional