

because the courts have given certain distinct rights and protections of those rights to parents, but they have not necessarily extended those to other relatives, aunts, uncles, what have you. So the theory would go that if it was challenged in court that the court may rule such an agreement of such a bill unconstitutional because it brings in the other. I was just kind of curious, with your background on some of these issues what your opinion was on that matter. Would that be, in your opinion, constitutional or not?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bernard-Stevens, on an issue like that raised by your question, I don't think anybody's background would necessarily put them in a better position than somebody else to give an answer that would be valid, but just thinking about it, if the amendment were drafted in such a way that it were optional for the young lady to choose which of these people she desires to notify, and the purpose of the notification is to have somebody interested in her welfare in a position to offer her the support and advice she may need, then I don't see where mentioning some other member of her family would be unconstitutional. Although a grandmother or a grandparent or an aunt or an uncle would not be considered a legal guardian unless declared so by the court, if you can put into the law a provision that a legal guardian would be notified, and there is no assurance that the legal guardian would have more of an attachment to the young lady than her relatives, then I don't see where in and of itself that would be unconstitutional if it was not made mandatory.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Chambers. I think I'm coming more to more on my opinion, again, that it would be an opinion of two, that you may very well be correct. And I guess I'm going to have to mull over that and I hope Senator Lindsay is listening, that I am going to have to consider...still continue to mull over the fact of whether or not would be unconstitutional or not and I'm sure he and I will have some discussions on that as we go. Senator Hall mentioned not too long ago, and I'll try to pick up the voice because people are getting kind of tired and their voices are kind of dragging just a little bit, so I'll see if I can add a little energy to the discussion and maybe we can go ahead and, as long as we're going to be here, pick it up just a little bit. Senator Hall was talking about he wished there would be more discussion on the bill, so I thought I'll go ahead and do so. One of the concerns I had on LB 769 quite honestly was that the