

only people that were going to be informed, if, in fact, the child chose to inform them, would be the parent, only one of the parents. And, of course, people talked about was that going to be a problem? What happens if their separation and they could still tell one parent what happens if they told the parent was actually apart and didn't have...the child wasn't with, you know, would that be a problem and all those things came to bear? One of the amendments that I had that was offered that was not even given the consideration of debate, by the way, was an amendment that would have offered a better range of who could be notified. And one of the areas that would have been chosen, it's on the amendments that I had, would have been any adult family member would have been one, and of course, then the other option would be any adult. And one of the things that I've always marveled at this body in the discussion of 769 is somehow we assume that parents are the smartest people to go to and somehow we assume that if they go to parents, that that will be the best thing for the child and maybe that's true, maybe that's true. I don't know. Each case is so different. One of the things that really concern me about LB 769 is I know that there are a lot of adults that I have gone to in my life with a problem that have given me some excellent advice.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And I'll talk about that when I get another chance.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, I've been listening again here for a couple of hours and it's all very interesting and one of the things that Senator Bernard-Stevens just said about parents is true. Sometimes parents aren't the right people to talk to. I know that happens. I've known in recent history with my own children's friends, at least four young people who went through teenage pregnancy. Every one of them, as far as I know, had good parental support. I remember friends of my own when I was in high school that had problems and as far as I know their parents stood beside them. In what we think of as the good old days, the girl was usually sent away to have the baby and put it up for adoption and then came back, or the young man would marry her almost immediately to be sure that the baby was legitimate, because in those good old days the birth certificate said, if the mother were not married, the