

child. That is a grave decision and a girl of tender years under emotional stress may be ill equipped to make it without mature advice and emotional support. It seems unlikely that she will obtain counsel and support from the attending physician at any abortion clinic where abortions for pregnant minors frequently take place. This amendment will tremendously benefit all parties involved. It will benefit those parents who are notified, those teens who obtain support and advice from their parents and those teens who avoid pregnancy. In addition, the integrity of the family unit is upheld. I ask you to adopt the amendment on LB 1241 which essentially guts LB 1241 and it becomes the LB 769 that we debated at length through this session. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the Labeledz motion, Senator Pirsch, followed by Senators Robak and Langford.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Now, ladies and gentlemen, you're going to hear the other side of the story. When you're trying to beat the clock it's very difficult to stand up, push your button and give reasoned arguments and that must be what Senator Chambers has determined when he left the floor and could not respond. I am a mother of four daughters, six children altogether, and I have supported...the amendment that Senator Labeledz has put on today very strongly, and I believe very much in it. When you are looking at the responsibilities, the awesome responsibilities of being a parent, you have to be very careful and you have to be concerned with the health threatening, the emotional threatening, the life threatening even, aspects of your daughter going into a strange place, receiving an abortion and being sent back out on the street. One parent needs to know and that's what this amendment says you have that responsibility and you have the responsibility long after that moment when the abortion doctor takes the life that is growing inside of your daughter. And so a parent should be informed. And this doesn't say consent, it doesn't say both parents. What it says is that someone should know so they can look after those physical, those emotional needs and also the psychological trauma, should it develop from that traumatic occasion. Abortion is not a simple surgical procedure as some would tell you. It is a surgical procedure that should be considered very seriously and should have the input of an older, more mature. Now, we were willing to amend LB 769 to include grandparents and so forth, but that...or some other responsible adult, aunt or uncle in the family, someone that could take that responsibility to help the