

attention because of an incomplete abortion, and you are in a state of shock. Naturally, you run to the side of your daughter and the first thing you do is write a letter to someone that has been fighting for parental notification for quite some time, and ask why, why in this country a state would allow a young girl to go to an abortion clinic, sometimes by herself, or with a girlfriend, or a boyfriend, obtain an abortion without the approval or, at least, notification of the parent. I would rather see LB 769 as a parental consent, rather than a notification, but I know that is impossible, and a lot of people have confused what I am trying to do with consent. It is not consent, it is parental notification. I urge the adoption of the amendment to LB 1241, and know that there is not too many senators on the floor, but, hopefully, this will be done. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, please, followed by Senator Abboud and Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President and members, I understand perfectly what is going on here, and I also can understand the feelings of Senator Labeledz and others with their anger toward Senator Chambers, and their desire to seek some revenge. And, frankly, that is the way I interpret it. I was on the Banking Committee that heard this bill. Let me tell you about that hearing. If you look at the bill statement, we had a dozen different individuals, mostly black businessmen from north Omaha come in. They were excited. They were organized. They were enthusiastic. They finally felt that there was some potential to take some action in their area of the city, and they were ready to move forward, but they needed some help. This legislation will provide the help that they need, and this enthusiasm, and this sense of optimism and hope will be crushed today, frankly, if we proceed to amend this bill or hold it on Select File. I know the intent is to hurt Ernie, to hurt Senator Chambers, but, really, let's think about who we are hurting here. We are really hurting those people that those individuals testified for on behalf of this bill, those people of north Omaha that are in desperate need of economic development. I just think the wrong people are affected in the way that you want to affect Senator Chambers for his action on the abortion issue. I just thought that needed to be said. I know that LB 1241 is not really the issue here, but I want to remind us about what is happening. In addition, I would also like to add that, as Senator Smith did, that this press release