

a young woman goes to an abortion clinic, and according to one of the articles, she went there without the knowledge of her parents, and without the knowledge by the physician that she was also receiving psychiatric treatment, and the very next day after the abortion was performed, she committed suicide by jumping off a bridge. Had the doctors known about her psychiatric treatment that she was receiving, she might have...they might have involved the parents, but without that knowledge and without the parents presence to give a background of the history of their health, I am so concerned that there are many others, too, that will fall by the wayside because of the fact that they don't have the medical...good afternoon, Senator Chambers, happy to see you here. Thank you. And I think this Legislature has recognized time and time again that it has a legitimate role in regulating the activities of young people. I have said this many times, and I will repeat it again, you cannot purchase alcohol by anyone under the age of 21. A person must be 16 years of age to obtain a license to drive. A minor under 17 cannot get married without parental consent, and a student is required to attend school until the age of 16. There are many other things, too, where the parents have to be notified. Senator Withem, even by our school districts, in other words, if you take a field trip, I understand my grandchildren have to bring home a notice to the parent that they are going to take a field trip, and they are not allowed to go on the field trip unless it is authorized by their parent. The teachers and the school districts have to notify the parents of failing grades. If there is any sexual activity or drug abuse or alcohol abuse that they know of, they call the parents in and the parents are notified, and, of course, a counselor is involved and they discuss it with the parents, and then the parents are involved in many, many other things, and I could go on and on. But, unfortunately, I don't have children in school other than my grandchildren but I get this from my own daughters and my own sons, who have children in school.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR LABEDZ: And we allow a child to obtain an abortion without even telling at least one of her parents, why should abortion be the only area of life where a minor is presumed to be able to exercise total, total control? Why should a parent not have at least a reasonable opportunity to know when the minor daughter is pregnant and seeking to purchase an abortion? Thank you. I hope that 1991 will be the year that we have