

in our society that exist that we ought to be doing something about, and we can't turn our backs on them anymore. But one of the things that we really ought to be doing if we want to pass good policy, good law, is to know more about the population for whom we are passing this law for. I watch this body in any other issue, where there is significant differences. One of the strategies that is used is an interim study, and the purpose of that interim study is not just to get people together who have difference of opinions and let them slug it out, but to try to do some serious fact-finding. And, unfortunately, we don't do that with this topic, and I would suggest that we need to before we start passing laws. The other thing that I have heard a couple of people say is that why would we want to allow government to remove parents from such a serious issue as facing an unwanted pregnancy or making a decision about an abortion? And I would submit to you that government does not remove parents from those situations. Parents remove parents from that situation. Those relationships are established over a lifetime of parent-child relationships and family upbringing, and if the daughter does not tell their parents, it isn't because government said they had to or didn't have to, it is because of a lot of other complicated, complex relationships between parents and children. One other thing that flabbergasts me about this is this belief that those kids who will not tell their parents now will tell if we pass this law. I think it would be wonderful if young people today sat around and waited with baited breath for Supreme Court decisions and legislative activities before they decide to jump in the backseat of the car, but I don't think that happens. And if we look at the activities of young people, there is often very little thought put into what they are doing, which is most unfortunate. In fact, most young people do not go for information about birth control before they have had sex for the first time. So to suggest that they suddenly are going to start thinking about activities because we passed this law is a quantum leap that I have difficulty accepting. I wanted to ask Senator Lindsay, I am going to ask you just because you are the lawyer that has been talking here.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: One of the things in the bill, and Senator Crosby made reference to it, what is the definition of an emancipated youth?