

Withem amendment is adopted. I will predict that it won't be adopted. In fact, it seems to me the judicial bypass, as we knew from the episode last year in which Senator Lynch, actually, it was a couple of years ago, asked that at the court house information be made available to young women who wanted to find out about the judicial bypass was not permitted to be done. The supporters of this concept would not make available printed copies of the rights of young women. So, unless there has been a change of heart, I will be surprised to see that the Withem amendment is adopted. The proponents, basically, have wanted, as I characterized before, the judicial bypass to be the stealth bypass system, to be kept as much of a secret as possible, to keep the information away from young women, and to keep them, apparently, as ignorant as possible that they might have a right granted begrudgingly because of the language of the Supreme Court. Now, I am prepared to be surprised and I will at that time be happy to recognize a difference of opinion of the supporters of 425. On the other hand, it is a most remarkable circumstance if we wish to create a judicial bypass because we recognize that it is needed in many cases, but we would make no attempt to allow young women to know what their rights were. It is a form of double-think which I think actually reveals the real intent of LB 425. And the real intent of 425 is to place as many restrictions as possible which constitutionally can be...can pass muster in the place, in the path, rather, of young women, and to go anything beyond the absolute constitutional minimums will be, in my mind, quite surprising. I support the Withem amendment because in the event we have to live with the terms of LB 425, and Senator Lindsay's, I thought, appropriate and realistic conformation that, at least, in some cases the operation of the law will not be compassionate, and they created a bypass system to try to adjust or respond to that, is all the reason in the world why we should make that bypass available and known to people who are in trouble, particularly for those people where even a proponent of the measure, Senator Lindsay, would agree there are, in his words I think, a limited number of cases when the results of 425 would not be compassionate. That, to me, means that we should inform young women of the options available to them, just as I understand we have tried over and over again to build into the system through counseling and the like of what young women's options are. That counseling, which has been placed into our statute by pro-life proponents, would be consistent with the concept of this amendment, but I don't see...I don't expect to see that consistency when the lights come on. I, however, will be voting for the Withem amendment.