

accredited schools, it only deals with public schools. I am sure that there are no individuals of parochial background that ever had to deal with this issue. Be that as it may, the issue here is one of education, and do we use the education system that is out there to educate young people. Frankly, I think this is a landmark amendment because I think it ought to be attached to any piece of legislation that deals with young people, any piece of legislation that affects their rights, I think probably more directly than a blanket piece of legislation that encompasses all individuals, all citizens of this state. I think it is a tremendous opportunity for us to draw those young people into the process to explain to them just what the legislative process is all about, and how they are affected on a day-to-day basis by government. You don't get much of that in high school. You don't get enough of it, frankly, in junior high or high school. This is a way to, I think, bring that closer to home and get those kids to talk about it. You'd be surprised at some of the responses you will get when they learn about these things from their, I guess, Social Studies teachers. It is interesting. I think that this is probably one of the best amendments to this type of legislation that I have seen because it really does bring home the whole concept of telling people about what the problem is all about. Educate the kids and they can make good decisions. If we don't educate them, if we don't explain things to them, how can we do anything but doom them to failure, I think at least doom them to make decisions without a good enough background with which to make that decision. I would urge you to support Senator Withem's amendment. If it is successful, I am going to move to amend it so that it is all approved and accredited schools in the state. Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator. Senator David Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Jerry Conway. One of the questions that the body has to deal with at some point, and Senator Withem I think has brought it to a head, is if and when we pass legislation as bad as 425 is, but if we pass something like this, how do we notify, for example, those that are most affected by it. Senator Labedz does not want to notify anybody through the classrooms, God forbid. As sitting back thinking and talking to some other senators of how we might notify young people about what the law is that will deal with their...potentially deal with their lives, one senator brought