

bridge the next day because she couldn't handle the trauma and the embarrassment and shame that she didn't tell her parents. Had she told the parents, perhaps they could have gone in there and let the abortion go through, but she would have the guidance, the love, the tender care of her parents. In 1989 and 1990, I mentioned the fact that I received letters from across the state from parents where they were called in after complications set in, after an abortion was performed, very upset that the State of Nebraska allows abortions to be performed on a minor, their minor daughter, without their knowledge. And yet when a D and C, or an incomplete abortion was performed and they needed medical care, then the parents were immediately notified, and as I said last year, one of them came all the way from South Dakota on the back of a motorcycle without telling the parent. Now what adult family member such as a grandparent, sister, brother, aunt, uncle, stepparent nineteen years of age or older, or guardian would know anything about the upbringing of that child, especially when it comes to the medical history. We parents provide the essential medical and psychology information to the doctor to ensure that the aftercare and follow-up treatment is there in case of complications. Parents address long-term well-being issues, such as health care after, and especially the trauma that they suffer in having an abortion. And I have stressed this over and over, parental notification does not prohibit the girl from having an abortion. It only notifies the parents that an abortion will be provided or will be done for that young lady regardless even if the parents say no. The girl still can have the abortion, it is just a parental notification, it is not consent. And many, many of us get confused. I know I have talked to several of you and you are under the impression that this is consent, and that the young lady would not be able to have an abortion if she did not get the consent of the parents. It is not consent, it is notification, and I think the parents should be involved. I know that he does include the parents in his amendment. He says shall mean one parent, grandparent, sister, brother, aunt, uncle. It is a wonder he doesn't have the teachers in there, too, and as I said on the last amendment, the teachers in Omaha are upset, at least the ones that have called me, and I was surprised that Senator Hall said that he would also...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR LABEDZ: ...maybe amend it to include the private