

situation in a caring and supportive way, then I think that any member of the family who is an adult and who can help them think this through is a reasonable route to go. I have to respond again to Senator Tom's remarks. I would like to remind you, Senator Tom, that no one removes you from your role as a parent and your activities as a parent other than you. It is not government that tells you what you can or cannot do as a parent. You will be involved in your children's decisions depending upon the kind of relationships and communication systems you establish within your family. They will have little or nothing to do with the laws that we pass regarding this issue or any other issue, that the intent here is somehow to recognize it as parents, that our feelings as parents at some point become secondary to the well-being of our young children, and if another adult in a family can help a young person make good decisions or bring them closer to their parents in this discussion, then I think it is worthwhile to consider this as an addition to LB 425.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Just a brief comment, I guess more really in response to Senator Lindsay because I think he made some important and good comments about the possible ramifications of other court decisions based on one parent, two parent, adult family member and so on. You know, and I'm not an attorney and sometimes that is good in legislation and sometimes that's not so good. Sometimes I wish I were, sometimes I'm glad I wasn't, but as from my perspective with the experience that I have, I can only come to the argument that we must be careful on any issue that we bring up and say there might be a potential of something. Gosh, if that were the case, we'd never have done anything on taxes and/or land valuation. That has never stopped us before. But in the Supreme Court, that I'm aware of, one of the things that is able to happen now is abortions can happen now without any type of involvement of family member at all. So it's not as if the Supreme Court said, you know, they can't go this process without telling parents. The Supreme Court has traditionally said and still continues to say today that abortions are legal and you don't have to tell anyone. So I would, from my perspective, disagree with Senator Lindsay. I would think it could be argued that today we have a law that the courts have allowed that says you don't have to have any type of consent, you don't have to have any type of notification to