

come I don't have anything to say in this? And that is one of the things that happens when we pass laws for children who are under ages, is they often don't have anything to say in this and I find it interesting that Senator Crosby is concerned about whether or not we consulted the nurses or the counselors about, before we pass this bill, but we haven't done much consulting with the young people who are going to be impacted by this bill and I'm not sure anybody felt we needed to. So I do think it's appropriate and that that there are counselors and nurses who would support it, but that is not really the issue. The issue is whether or not when a young person is faced with this situation whether or not we are going to be reasonable and tell them what the law says about what they can do or cannot do under this situation. So I think it's reasonable that we do say that the nurses and counselors, when given this information by young people, should give them the information then about how the law is going to affect the situation that their in. I think it is important to add this to the Withem amendment because the Withem amendment simply says that we're going to offer this information on an annual basis. Perhaps the young people will be listening and perhaps they will be not, but when they are faced immediately with that situation they need to have that information shared once again because now it's going to make a difference. And I would urge you to support this amendment. I think it strengthens and clarifies what the Withem amendment is intended to do and it is an act of reason on the part of our young people faced with this situation. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I cannot improve on what Senator Rasmussen just said so I will try to reinforce it. There are many publications and printings that are delivered to students when they first come to school and during the course of a school year and because there is a negative attitude toward much that happens in school, these types of things are not even paid attention to. Many times if they are to be taken home they are not taken home. If they are taken home maybe nobody at home will read it either. So if our real intent is to provide information to those who have need of it, the time that is most crucial for the providing of that information is when it is needed. So if a young woman has approached a school nurse or a counselor faced with this difficult situation, is struggling with whether or not to make a decision as to whether to have an abortion or not, whether to