

notify her parents or not, whether to tell anybody or not, the one that she has given information to is somebody either she has confidence in, somebody she feels an obligation to tell, or somebody to whom she inadvertently reveals this information while talking about something else. But in any case, the nurse or the counselor could be expected to have a relationship to these children that would inspire a degree of confidence. The child could feel confident that the nurse or the counselor will not do anything to mislead. So if the young woman makes the statement or gives the information that she is thinking about having an abortion but she does not want to tell her parents or does not intend to tell her parents, rather than to allow her to flounder, drift off into an area where there is no hope and which the law would prevent her from doing anyway, this is the point and this is the time precisely when the necessary information should be given. So Senator Withem's amendment is a general statement of a policy, a general statement of a policy. Senator Will's amendment offers implementation of the policy. It offers authorization and direction by the same Legislature that put the policy in place. I don't see anything wrong, Senator Crosby, with these categories of persons whom we have placed in a relationship with our children to give them advice on very crucial matters, I don't see anything wrong with them being authorized to give this information at a time when even you said information, support and other things of that kind are needed. So I would like to ask you a question, if you're willing to answer it.

SENATOR CROSBY: I'm fine.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Crosby, would you respond, please.

SENATOR CROSBY: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is your objection to Senator Will's amendment based on your desire to have this young woman kept in ignorance at a time when she needs information the most?

SENATOR CROSBY: No, that's not it at all, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. If she needs this information and she has not paid attention to what the schools give pursuant to Senator Withem's amendment, how is she to get this information?

SENATOR CROSBY: That's a good question, and it may be a moot