

Bernard-Stevens' amendment. I guess I'm like David, I'm not sure it will pass but it just seems to work better for us in the rural areas than it would be if that young lady happened to live in Omaha, Lincoln or some more highly dense...dense areas of our state.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rod Johnson. Senator Nelson, on the Lindsay amendment.

SENATOR NELSON: I probably, too, will not be supporting the Lindsay amendment. Having served in Judiciary Committee, we are being told that in some of the more sparsely settled counties and so on that the judge only comes once a month. And I know that some of the...the judge's position is only a part-time position. And so I cannot see how that we could expect three days and if we're going to make something that is workable, it has to be within reason. And this has been one of the parts that I have explained to the public many times. There is nothing wrong with parental notification. There's nothing wrong with your parents knowing, but, again, if we throw in so many roadblocks that it's not possible, then that's when I have a problem with it. And I see that in this...the amendment. It says five days now, I guess, which may help a little bit and five working days. But I know when I have contacted the courts they're telling me that we're asking for something that is simply impossible. So let's try to work out something that is. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Bernard-Stevens, on the Lindsay amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, just a couple of comments. I wanted to clarify, I think, for the record, that is I think there is a misconception certainly maybe not in numerical sense but in percentages. It's true that, obviously, the majority, in this case, in the State of Nebraska all of the abortions are done in eastern Nebraska. There are not abortions, to my knowledge, done in clinics and hospitals anywhere outside of the Omaha area. Now there is one exception, possibly would be in Lincoln in the future or possibly in the past. With my understanding now, the only place in Nebraska you will be able to get the abortion would be in Omaha, certainly in eastern Nebraska. The perception is that all of the cases that will be filed, the vast majority will be filed in Lancaster or Douglas County because that's where all of the abortions take place.