

by the abortionist to the parent, notifying the parent, it has to be sent by either certified or registered mail. And here's how we do this, members of the body, if, for example, the certified or registered letter is sent to the address of the parents, and of course it will be sent from Omaha, because that's where the abortionists are, when they send it from Omaha to, I don't care if we take it to Broken Bow, Chadron, Imperial, Calloway, makes no difference, central Nebraska, west, here's how it works, the bill that you will pass today will say that after 48 hours of delivery, and delivery will be defined as noon the next day after filing. So if I send the letter on Monday, delivery will assumed to be Monday...excuse me, Tuesday noon, 48 hours after that must be a waiting period, which means the earliest an abortion could take place would be noon on Thursday. A phone call would have told the body that in rural Nebraska, and apparently those that drafted the bill in Minnesota weren't concerned about rural Nebraska, and I can understand why, because they are so different than what we are, but if you'd just made a phone call you'd have found out that on a good day, if everything goes well, a person in central or western Nebraska will find in their post box, or in their mail box a card saying you have a certified mail...letter in the mail, come down and get it on Wednesday. And if you're in the rural areas, on a rural route, my friends, you will not even get notice that a certified letter is in the post box...post office waiting until Thursday, which is the day the child could have the abortion. In other words, by the time you get to the post office, it's done.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: If you send it by registered mail, every place in central and western Nebraska, no one will receive a notice from the post office that a registered letter is there for them until only as early as Thursday. By the time the parents receive the registered letter informing them of their child's intent to have an abortion, by the law, by the strict interpretation of the law, the abortion can already have been done. And no law has been violated, not one. No one has even talked about another portion of it. And I'll punch on my light later just to chat on it briefly. It's what happens if the parent says, after being notified, to their daughter, I am not going to write you a note saying that I've been notified. What happens?