

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I saw Senator Labeledz leave the room. I guess I need to ask her some questions. I, too, and might I say this while Senator Labeledz is...I suppose I can turn my light on in a minute. How many speakers in between? Pardon?

SPEAKER BAACK: Four.

SENATOR NELSON: Okay, I'll turn my light back on again. I, too...I want to say this, I certainly appreciate the tone and the difference than what we have experienced in past years. I...this was one bill that I frankly hated to see come to the floor, and many of my people at home hated to see it, because we were severely criticized with the time and so on that did take place. I see, as Senator Landis said, a difference in the body. Some feel that...that everything is fine, the real world is coming up roses. This is not my position, this is not my problem. I have to ask those same people, would you be very willing to step forward to say these...this is all right, girls, I will adopt your child, whether it's the same ethnic background, the same color of skin, or whether or not that child is exposed to alcohol syndrome, which is a good 15, 16 percent of the children that we have no a days. So many of us see it in one light or one different light. I seem to feel the same as the university women, the American Association. This issue is a government regulation and government intervention. The separation of church and state should be maintained. Legislative bills that would uphold the beliefs of any particular religion, or several religious denominations must be defeated. I don't know as that's the case, but I...we each have our own. Parental notification consent laws are unnecessary. Most pregnant teens do seek advice and help from their parents. I'm like Senator Landis, the ones that we think we're helping, it doesn't make any difference. Others are the ones that we are hurting. The state cannot legislate good family relationships. If this bill becomes law, some adolescent girls will be put in serious physical danger and will face punishment as severe as being shunned by their families, physically, emotionally abused, and even thrown out. I know I will run out of time. Senator Schmit, I wish he was on the floor, because frequently he may point out to one of us that we either didn't understand a bill, or that we were not knowledgeable on what is being presented in