

professional manner. That the nurse or the counselor will be aware of the requirements of LB 425 when it becomes law. Such nurse or counselor would simply notify the young woman that if she intends to seek an abortion she must notify her parents, a parent or a guardian. If she does not wish to do that, there are requirements in the law that she must meet before she can circumvent notifying her parent or guardian. So I'm hoping that you will support this amendment. When it was offered the last time that we were discussing 425 there were 20 something votes, so I'm hoping that the 2 or 3 additional votes that are needed to adopt this amendment will be here today. Adoption of this amendment will not defeat anything that the supporters of 425 say is their intent. I am presuming that what they have represented their position to be on this floor is what their position really is. Adoption of this amendment will in no way allow a young woman to circumvent the requirement of notification. What it does do is give her information. Nobody in a literate society should fear information, especially when the information being given is that which is incorporated in a law that those who are opposed to abortion put into that law. If something is wrong with that information, they should not be trying to put it into the law. But since the information was crafted, drafted, and inserted into this bill by those who support it, I don't see how they could be opposed to that information which they support being given to the one who has most need of it. We should not say that people in this society may face the danger of drowning, but at the time they face that prospect we do not want the information that will rescue them from drowning to be given to them. All that this amendment does is to say that the young woman, at this very difficult time, when she may be on the verge of attempting to make a decision which the law will not allow, that under those circumstances the young woman will be given the information that LB 425 indicates ought to be available. Any questions that you have, I'm prepared to answer them. But remember, that in the same way that Senator Labeledz and the co-sponsors are saying that the parent or guardian of the young woman should be notified of her intent to have an abortion, the young woman involved should be notified of the requirements of the law that impact on her. I don't see that it would take compassion to support this amendment. I don't see that it would take mercy, pity or any of those higher human emotions. It is a simple matter of giving the information that a person would have, for example, if they purchased a blender. How do you put the blender together and make it work. That's the nature of the information. But the