

really pleased that it is, because that was one of the sticklers for me, that it had to be included. In looking at your amendment here I'm wondering if there was any reason why you would not think that that should also be a provision of this amendment, and that is that Section 6, particularly lines 23 and 24, just because it says that in those lines if such declaration is made, the declaration that she was abused, the attending physician, or his or her agent, shall inform the pregnant woman of his or her duty to notify the proper authorities as provided in Section, so on and so forth. Do you have any reason why you don't think that should be included as a part of the fact that she should be notified that if she intends to carry through the abortion, that she will go to an abortionist, and then when she goes to the abortionist he's going to notify the proper authorities? I mean would you be willing to add that section as one of the provisions of your amendment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, Senator Smith, that's a different issue. The one you're talking about deals with the circumstances where no notification is necessary. But...

SENATOR SMITH: But don't you think this would be appropriate, because what I am trying to do is let the young girl know the provisions of this act. And this would be another way of her being informed, if she also knew this, that if she decided...if she elected not to do the bypass...to go through the court, or to tell her parents, but to go the third route, which is to go to the abortionist and go ahead with it, that he will do this if she declares one of these things that we have in here has occurred to her, but that he will also have to inform the authorities.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, I would...

SENATOR SMITH: What do you think about that?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let me keep the two issues separate, if I may. I don't have any objection to giving that additional information. But the part about the declaration, that the doctor must give, is if the young lady says that she is seeking an abortion because she was the victim of abuse, this may be a situation where she's not alleging abuse or anything else. Her boyfriend and she, you know, engaged in the act, she got pregnant and...