

system works, and they ought to know from the very beginning. So I not only support the Chambers amendment, but I would support what Senator Smith would add, so that she's fully aware of how the entire system works.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator. Our next speaker is Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator Smith is in the process of drafting an amendment to include the requirement that the information contained in Section 6, that she was discussing through her questioning of me, would be added to the amendment pending before us now, so that the young lady has all the information necessary. I'm just a little disappointed in what Senator Labeledz said about letting the young lady wait until she arrives at an abortion clinic to be told about the requirements of this bill. I didn't know we were playing a shell game, where you have to guess and, if you guess wrong, then you're in a world of trouble. I didn't know we were in the business of dealing with a young lady, who has a very serious problem, being kept in the dark so that, when she approaches a doctor for an abortion, a second bombshell is awaiting her, that, no, you cannot get this abortion without me notifying your parents. And she might say, well why didn't somebody tell me this; why couldn't somebody tell me this? I talked to the nurse at school, I talked to the counselor, I can't talk to my parents, I didn't tell them anything. And the doctor says, well, that's the law, and I can't do this unless you notify your parents. If you don't want to talk to your parents, then you have to go to court and talk to a judge. And there she is. I don't think it's as easy as some of the people on this floor talk about make it seem for a woman to decide to have an abortion. These women are cast as murderers, as those who have no understanding of what it is they're carrying, that they have no human feelings. That is repugnant to me. And it shows a total lack of that so called Christian charity that you all who are supposed to be religious should manifest and exemplify. You know good and well that when a young woman is in this situation it is a psychologically traumatic experience for her and, if she has to go to get an abortion, it's not like going down to the grocery store and saying, I can't decide whether to get a loaf of white bread, or a loaf of wheat bread. Now which one should I get? I'll flip a coin. It's not that easy, but that's the way it's being discussed here. That one day she is going to get up in the morning and say, well, I think