

walk into the doctor and can see him, and her first contact, her very first contact will be made with someone in the school system. And the literature may have been distributed earlier. There was not any real reason for her to read it. She is not aware of what her alternatives or some of the things out there for her that are available. I would prefer counseling and assistance, and since that doesn't seem to be possible, and Senator Chambers' amendment is a poor substitute for counseling, at this point, it is really all we have. And I am looking at this as a first contact with either a school nurse or a school counselor, and that it is necessary at that time for this young girl to be notified as to just what is out there and what she can do.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Nelson, on the Chambers amendment.

**SENATOR NELSON:** Mr. Speaker, I, too, support the Chambers amendment. I think Senator Schmit discussed, and I know a concern of Senator Labeledz, and I can't speak for the private schools, but I know in my area the private schools are large enough that I am sure there are counselor and school nurses available, but any Educational Service Unit in Nebraska has nurses and that that is part of their fee that they are paying for. The only two schools that don't have is Omaha and Lincoln, and Grand Island uses the services, even pays them, the Education Service Unit. So I don't think that would be a problem and that school nurse is there and available I think at almost all times and she makes that stop every week or two weeks in all of these schools. Senator Horgan says, well, we don't need this, let's just punish those young girls a little bit longer and a little bit harder and until they go to get an abortion. This is the time that they need to understand exactly what they are about to do, and help them through this very, very trying time. I cannot see the backing of it, backing anything that would add to the hurt, and the guilt, and the feeling to these young girls, and for us to blithely just pass through this that we don't think this is important, that is not right. One of the doctors at home wrote to me, that is an emergency room doctor, and he just...he chastised maybe Senator Labeledz far more than she should have, but he sees what happens, and if there would be illegal abortions what would happen down there. So let's try to make it the best that we can for those young girls and help them, and, heaven forbid, if any families here have to face this. And I am sure with 49 senators, it will be,