

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Labeledz. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President and members, I just want to say a couple of things and then ask a couple of questions again which maybe I've asked before. The 19 and 18 legal age, as Senator Labeledz explained, seems to be kind of a fine line as to where you draw this line for the young woman who is having a problem. I know of an example not here in Nebraska, but in Kansas where a young woman was 19. Her parents had moved to another city quite a distance away and she was working and having an affair with a young fellow and got pregnant. Her parents were not readily available to help. The boy's parents were of no help at all and she did have enough upbringing, faith, presence of mind, whatever, to go to Birthright in Kansas. Now some of you may or may not be familiar with Birthright. Birthright was started by a woman in Toronto, Canada and the people who work in Birthright, 99.9 percent of them are volunteers. There maybe somebody who is paid and they run the ads in the telephone book and in the newspaper for counselling and help and what their main thrust is to help the girl have the baby and taking care of the baby and the girl and they do that very admirably everywhere. So at any rate this young woman did go to Birthright, had the baby and went home to her parents and had the baby and put it up for adoption. The point is...my point isn't the story about her in particular except that when we get to 18 and 19-year-olds, a lot of them conceivably are still living at home and so even a 19-year-old could be living at home even in this day and age. Not every 19-year-old runs out the minute she gets out of high school and gets an apartment. A lot of them can't afford it. Or if they go to college perhaps they live in the dorm or at a sorority house and so on, but more or less their parents are still helping them financially and so that's where I think we get into the problem with parental notification and parental help to a girl because whether she is 18 or 19 isn't really the point. The point is she needs the help and she needs the help from people who love her and I know that we're going to hear all the other things about the fact that there are young women whose parents maybe love her, but abuse her and I know that kind of thing and I know they don't take care of them, but we always hear the worst case scenarios and I think we do have to at least concentrate and think that perhaps those young women whose parents would be helpful to them have that opportunity. Some other things are going to come up on the judicial bypass that I'll talk about later, but I do have one quick question. I lost