

for whom a guardian has been appointed and so forth and so on. There are a number of ways where parents could physically abuse a minor. Senator Chambers, if a minor comes in and tells his parents that he is on drugs, wouldn't he face the same physical abuse that he would, as that she would if she came in and told them that she was pregnant? The same way with DWI or if she was a dropout of a school or that she run away and got married, there would be the same physical abuse regardless if there are that type of parent that would lose their temper and physically abuse the child. Many of you may have read the story in the Lincoln Star on Friday, May 10, about Miss America, 1958 telling her incest secret. Unfortunately she didn't immediately go to the police or to her parents or to her mother or to anyone else that could help her and that was Marilyn Van Debur, Miss America of 1958, who said she was physically and sexually abused by her father from age 5 to 18. She tells a very horrible story in the book that she has written. Here is some of the things that she said. A list of my accomplishments times 100, pale before the real accomplishments of my life, said in only three words, I survived incest. There are so many children that are going to be violated tonight and I fear they don't have options. I thought it through and I believe that the greatest service that we adult survivors can give to the children is to stand up in such vast numbers that we begin to take away the stigma and the shame. Van Debur told about 150 people she was violated by her father from age 5 to 18. The story goes on, the book I understand that she is writing or has written is something that is devastating for any one of us to think that that could happen for that many years, from the age 5 to 18 and that nobody would know about it and this young lady at the age of 18 finally had the courage to talk to someone. So I assure you that it is not the age 19, it's under 19 that is under, in LB 425. So I urge the members of the body, especially the co-sponsors of LB 425, to reject the Landis amendment and let's go on further with the bill. There are amendments that we have agreed to. The fact that these children that Senator Chambers brought up several times about the physical abuse and the sexual abuse of these children that has gone on for years in the family, surely in my bill, in our bill, I'm sorry, we have 30 co-sponsors and I shouldn't call it my bill, the fact that if there is physical or sexual abuse, it has to be reported to the proper authorities and we certainly don't want that young lady to go back to any family that is either going to physically or sexually abuse her. That's what happened to Miss Van Debur, the 1958 Miss America, and she has a story to tell. She says...