

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: They beat up on their children. I don't see anything in this bill that protects those children who are abused. Even the judicial bypass, unless judges are exempt from the law that requires them to report any suspicion of abuse, even that system does not protect those children. I don't see any options for those kids in 425.

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

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Madam President. Evidently Senator Rasmussen believes that that young girl should have the abortion, go back to the situation that she had in in the first place. What we're trying to do with LB 425 is have that young lady communicate with one of her parents, if not with one of her parents, then she goes through the judicial system and may, or the physician would have to report that there has been physical or sexual abuse. I cannot believe that anyone on this floor would say that that young girl should have an abortion and then go back to the same situation that she was in the first place. The statistics that I have and in talking to several of the lawyers that I have been dealing with in Omaha, and especially when she brought up the Franklin Committee, believe me, the young girls and especially the young boys that were brought into that physical and sexual abuse by their parents and especially the sexual abuse by others was started at the very early age of 8 to 10 years old, some even 5 to 6 years old and it went on until they were brought into the Franklin Committee investigation and that was at the age of 18, 19, 20 and 21 years of age. Had they communicated with their parents prior to that or gone to the proper authorities, Franklin Committee would never have had to exist. But some of the stories that we heard, every one of them is that they never went to their parents, they never communicated with their parents, never told their parents what was happening to them. They were actually leaving town, Senator Rasmussen, for two or three days and telling their parents that they were staying over the weekend with friends. They were lying to their parents, they were afraid to tell their parents because when it started with the sexual abuse, it ended up with drugs and alcohol. By then it was too late. Several of them, of the young ladies talked about the abortions they had, the pregnancies they had and the sexual abuse by either a grandfather, a father or even sometimes a brother or a friend of the brother or a stepfather. A lot of that would not have