

happened, we would not be standing here arguing whether or not that child should communicate with her parents or with anyone or even the proper authorities that this was going on. We wouldn't have had them at the age of 21 now in jail because nobody believes them. They are saying that the children were lying, they were street people, they were drug addicts, they were alcoholics and it all came about because they were afraid to tell their parents and we're trying to help these young pregnant women go to their parents, talk to their parents, tell them. I have seven members of my family are adopted children, not my brothers and sisters, those were all my blood brothers and sisters, but my blood brothers and sisters have adopted at least seven children and I have nieces and nephews now that are adopting children. We feel very strongly about the fact that there are women out there that feel that they cannot raise a child and they put them up for adoption, but ironically enough, some of them have to wait one or two years. My brother had to wait several years before he was able to adopt a child. Those children now are having children of their own and they are on the Metro Right to Life side because they know what would have happened had that young lady that had an abortion decided that she was going to abort her child rather than give my niece up and nephew up for adoption and they are in my family now. We love them and they are now adopting children of their own. The adopted niece that I had has adopted two children in the last few years and we are very excited about that because they...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR LABEDZ: ...have become part of our family. And I cannot understand why communicating with parents or with the proper authorities when there is physical or sexual abuse is such a big, big, big problem in LB 425. I urge the members to reject this amendment. There are 18-year-old girls and 17-year-old girls that are seniors in high school that have not graduated and like I said, my niece, my granddaughter is only 17 and she is graduating in June, so I would say that she still should be communicating with her parents. If we tell them they don't have to on the abortion issue, why not alcohol, why not drugs, why not anything else that comes in their lives? The, as I said to Senator Chambers, the physical abuse could start from a DWI ticket or even a wreck, or coming in at three o'clock in the morning.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.