

designated to receive that order. If the court denies the authorization of a waiver and the minor chooses to appeal the decision, the court shall file the court transcripts and bill of exceptions with the Supreme Court within four business days and no later than seven calendar days from the date of the filing of the notice of appeal. The Supreme Court must rule within seven calendar days from the time the docking of the appeal and the court must immediately provide a written decision to the minor or whoever she designates it must go to. Again, the purpose of this amendment is to try and make it clear what the process will be for the judicial bypass that will make the process accessible and will clearly define the counsel that can be a part of the proceedings as well as the time line so that this is an expeditious process. I would urge your support of this and if you have specific questions, I will defer to Senator Lindsay regarding the legal status of this.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. I will now recognize the senators in the following order: Senator Crosby, Beutler and Labedz. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. My comments will be short because I do appreciate the people that worked on this particular amendment. The judicial bypass is one of the things I have a problem with on parental notification bill. I think it's awkward. I've said this before and I think it's awkward for a young woman of any age to, when she's first pregnant, to think about going to court, just plain and simple. I just think it's very difficult. So this particular amendment helps to make that less awkward and I will vote for the amendment. I will vote for advancing the bill. I think there are some other amendments which we'll talk about a little later, but again, so people try to understand where I'm coming from, I have great sympathy and feeling for the women, young women who find themselves in a position that they would like to get out of one way or the other. And I think those of us here who have the power to do something to help them, we should do everything we can to make whatever we believe in easier, so I'm not saying that very well and I just feel that we can't allow this bill to go through and make it more difficult for the young woman when she comes up against the decision. There are a lot of agencies out there who help young women who find themselves pregnant and wished they were not. And there again, I think the volunteer organizations and the organizations who work with the people who have the problem probably do a lot better job of it than we do when we