

actually be able to act in the place of the parent. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Rasmussen, followed by Senator Lindsay, Senator Chambers, Senator Bernard-Stevens, and Senator Labeledz. Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I'm going to let Senator Hillman have a couple minutes of my time here to respond to Senator Crosby's question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: What I believe, and I may not put this real well, Senator Crosby, but I hope so, is that it's the act of notification in that they need to notify someone of what's going on here, and that they, in turn, then...and I'm going to get myself into a hole here. I just had it explained to me, and I'm going to ask him to explain it for me as an attorney, and that's Mr. Ashford, would you do that for me, please.

SENATOR ASHFORD: I think that Senator Crosby makes a good point. The answer, basically, is that the statute doesn't require the parent to do anything under the act. The point of the act, as I understand it, or the legislation, is that the notification be given to a...one parent. That's the trigger mechanism in the statute. There's nothing then in the statute that requires the parent to do anything. So, if you substitute...The idea would be, I guess, and I agree with you, is that a stepparent or a grandparent could provide that aid, comfort and support that a parent would be able to provide as a substitute, and that's what you're getting at. But the statute doesn't say anything about the parent providing that, or anybody providing it, it's the act of notification that you're...the legal act of notification that is the trigger mechanism in the statute.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Does that answer your question, Senator Crosby?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Thank you. Just a couple of things. I've talked with a lot of teenagers, friends of my teenagers, and asked them what would they do if they found themselves faced with an unwanted pregnancy. Who would you tell first? Even in