

the best of families, who would you tell first? A friend. And why do they go to a friend? Because that friend is nonjudgmental, they're going to listen to them, they're going to help them. I think that, if a young girl knew that her options included a stepparent or a grandparent, it may well mean that those persons are less judgmental in their perspective about relationships, and that that step, in telling one of those two people, may well be the step that will take them to talking to their parents. I know I have been in a position to help a young person, and have encouraged them to go to their parents. And I know my daughters have done that with friends of theirs who have been faced with unwanted pregnancy, where they have encouraged them to go to their parents. The presumption here that what we're trying to do, with this amendment, is to not get kids to go to their parents, or not to communicate with their parents is totally erroneous, that is not the intent at all. It is to give to young people another option. And perhaps it's one of those options that will help for those kids who have dysfunctional family relationships. But I think people should maybe set their paranoia aside here for a minute and realize that a stepparent, who may well be acting as a parent, as well as a grandparent represent, probably in some young people's lives, a significant other, a significant other that can give them the kind of support, and love, and strength to face the situation and make good decisions. And part of that good decision making may well be to help them get to their parents and communicate with them. I would urge you to support this amendment.

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

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President, members. I rise in opposition to the Hillman amendment. And the reason for it goes to the...what I see as a potential constitutional problem. As we've gone through the amendments that have been offered I think we've tried to look at them in a reasonable manner to see what amendments are not going to hurt the bill, which ones help the bill, which ones will, for example, streamline the judicial bypass mechanism, which ones clarify things. But at each time, because the complexities of the constitutional law in this area, that I don't think anybody is sure of, we have to take a hard look at them. One of the reasons that the U.S. Supreme Court has upheld parental notification or parental involvement bills is because there is a concept in law that parents do have rights. And the court waives those parental rights versus the rights of the minor. I think by adding some of the other adult