

they all have this same love and just ebullient, full of joy, and wonderful, cozy feelings about the families. The fact of the matter is, that's not necessarily the case at all. In fact, if you really think about it Senator Labeledz made even a stronger argument in favor of the amendments, based on what she actually said. Now not the second interpretation we'll get here in a minute, but what she actually said in the beginning. And that interpretation was that, you know, grandparents, if they are in fact told, may have a strong inclination to advise their grandchild to talk to her parents. In fact she eluded to that when she said there may be a terrible burden on the grandparent to hide that information. And really, if you take Senator Labeledz's arguments and take them to their fruition, the argument basically says that in Senator Labeledz's world all families are, for the most part, the majority of families are just nice, little, concise, wonderful, loving units. And, if the grandparents are told something, they'll feel will be such a burden, because it will be so unfair, because they'd want to tell the parents of the grandchild. And to me, Senator Labeledz, that would be part of the family structure. If, in fact, a grandchild felt comfortable in talking to a grandparent, where they felt uncomfortable with their parents, that is a logical extension of that family, where the grandparents are saying, should you not talk to your parents; let's go together, we'll talk to your parent, or parents, whichever the case may be. And that is a family concept, that is a family unit. You're not, in fact, disrupting that, you're, in fact, making the bonds even broader and deeper. And the other thing I'd like to point out, I guess, is my argument to some degree, Senator Lindsay, I don't pretend to be a lawyer at all, I don't pretend to understand the complexities of the court's decisions. But I do understand a couple of things. I understand there are parental rights, I understand that. But it boggles my mind to argue the unconstitutionality of an amendment that simply says we're not saying that parents do not have the right to be notified, we're in fact, in statute, saying that parents do have the right to be notified.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: We're also extending the option to young people, saying that if you choose not to, we are extending you the area of which you can get further help and guidance from someone within your family that you trust. And to me that just makes sense. Actually, we agreed last year, if you remember the