

treatment. And I do have the debate that I had on General File on an amendment that was similar to this. And I brought up the fact, and I said, "I don't think any of those that he listed in the amendment know anything, absolutely nothing probably of the medical history of the young lady that has become pregnant and is a minor." I don't, as a grandmother, know the medical history of my nine grandchildren, I can assure you of that. They probably don't tell me some of the things or some of the problems they're having, especially if they are having any psychological help. I also, on General File, mentioned the fact, "When we first started discussing LB 425 I mentioned the fact that, of course, one girl had a medical history and abortion was performed. And then she jumped off the bridge the next day, because she couldn't handle the trauma and the embarrassment and shame that she didn't tell her parents." Had she told the parents perhaps they could have gone in there, to the abortion clinic, and let the abortion go through. But she would have had the guidance, the love, and the tender care of her parents rather than two days after the abortion to jump off the bridge and commit suicide because she had not notified her parents. And her parents, at that time, had her under psychiatric care. There are others, I know I have grandchildren that are now on medication of some sort of other, and I don't know the full stories, but the parents do know, they have the medical history of their children, I don't, as a grandparent, and I would not want the responsibility and say, go have the abortion, if I was pro-choice, thank God I'm not. But if I would give...tell her to go ahead and have the abortion, and then physically something would happen to her, and I mentioned the fact also on General File how many letters I received from parents across the state, plus South Dakota, where their children came to Omaha, obtained an abortion, and then traveled two, three, four hundred miles back to their home and complications set in, maybe due to their physical condition, I don't know. But the parents were furious that that child had an abortion without their notifi...being notified. I, as a grandparent, don't know the medical history entirely of my grandchildren, and I'm sure there are many grandparents that are on the floor today in this Legislature that don't know the medical history, and would not be able to tell that physician of the follow-up care and the medical attention that that child would need after the abortion. So I still strongly oppose the Hillman amendment to LB 425. I could go on and on about the amendment, the debate that we had on General File. This has just changed it a little bit and added just the grandparents.