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don't know, but we may have to debate that. But I think it's a very interesting issue. I don't see how, under the current decisions, how the Hillman-Rasmussen amendment does anything other than make...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...the constitutional problems less, that make the constitutional problems less. The other reason, I guess, is the one that Senator Rasmussen mentioned, which is that whenever we're getting involved in a murky area anyway when we get involved in deciding whether or not...how...what kind of intervention we should make into somebody else's family, but when we start intervening in that, certainly a stepparent, a grandmother, grandfather can be a significant part of that family, and the Supreme Court would probably go through a very similar analysis in determining whether or not that has equal protection problems. I would suggest it probably does not, because there is a legitimate state interest in ensuring that families are maintained as best as possible, and a stepparent or grandparent is a family member, whereas maybe a counselor, or a nonfamily member is not a family member. So I'd be interested in hearing the equal protection concern, and there may be one that I'm not addressing, but we'll have to see, thanks.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Lindsay a question, the answer to which he was saved by the bell from giving me last time. Senator Lindsay, in the interest of time, I'm not going to draw out through a series of statements or questions, the abusive set of circumstances under which some young ladies may be returned, if judicial bypass fails. We have a young woman seeking an abortion, the father, with whom she is living, impregnated her. That is the parent she would have to go back to to obtain this abortion. That's the one that would have to be notified. If he found out, he'd beat the hell out of her. You are willing to send her for that beating, correct?

SENATOR LINDSAY: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Will this bill result in that occurring?

SENATOR LINDSAY: No.