

And the answer to that is abortions will not change in Nebraska and no one...not one more child will tell her parents after this bill is passed than before. Those children that have communications with parents, that aren't afraid of their parents will talk to their parents. And those that are afraid will simply forge a note and go forward. And I think that's the part of the amendment that amazed me so much is when we, a year ago, tried to make the amendment on the note, when we said that, you know, any girl could forge a note and say...just forge it in her parent's handwriting saying that they had been notified, sign it, give it to the abortionist and say, yes, here's the note from my parents. Any girl could do that. Don't you want to have an amendment there that would clarify that, there would be some check upon that so we can make sure that it wasn't a forgery. And the answer came back very clearly from Senator Labeledz and others. No. No, we do not want that. We would rather have them forge than have something in the bill that really means that they told their parents. In essence they don't really...they didn't really care nor do they now that the children tell their parents. And apparently there is this belief out there that children and young women are so afraid of...I guess there's a belief out there that these children are in wonderful families,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...that this communication level is so high, that there is this desire out there of all children out there to tell their parents because that's the families that we kind of grew up with or Senator Labeledz said that's the family type of grandparent or person or father or mother that she was taught to be. Apparently all families are like that or most are. And that's just not the case anymore. I wish it were. Senator Rasmussen gave a speech that I thought was one of the best I have heard in my being in the body. It was full of the anger that I had within the last two years that I have been trying to keep down this year. But her points were valid. And the points are, in the final analysis, the following. This body will not reduce the number of abortions by this bill. You will not dictate by law that young women talk to their parents.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That will never happen. You cannot mandate people to confide in others by legislation.