

circumstances. It may well mean, Senator Lindsay and I were talking earlier about neither one of us accepting the credibility of the surveys and the statistics that each one of us offer up to support our particular perspective. So maybe what we need to do through this commission is an independent survey where we identify what we truly want to know, not simply seeking out that information that will support our positions. So I could see us talking about trying to find out what really happens in those clinics that provide abortions, but also what really happens in the counseling environments all over the State of Nebraska, how slanted are they from both perspectives. Because the literature shows us that when you truly get into coercing people by providing only certain pieces of information and leaning on people to try and direct them in one way, that that is when they have the greatest regret, remorse and psychological damage. So we need to look at what kind of counseling is going on in all situations in the State of Nebraska and then begin to talk about what is good counseling, and there's already some guidelines out there in terms of the American Psychological...

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SENATOR RASMUSSEN: ..Association. They talk about who does the counseling should not be people who have strong feelings against abortion, nor should those counselors be people who have strong feelings against children having children. It needs to be people who can focus on helping people work through and come up with good decisions. If I run out of time here, I'll put my light on again because I would like to share with you that we do have some knowledge about what good counseling is and that we need to look at putting that in place. I think some other of the issues that we need to talk about that is what is truly informed consent. It means having all of the information, not just that information which slants a person one direction or the other, regardless of which direction it is. And when should this information be given? Do we wait until we have a crisis pregnancy, or do we begin to look at that information being presented in a systematic, logical way throughout a young person's life...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.