

type to the women most in need of it, if the women happen to be unmarried or to couples, whether those couples are married or not. Family planning simply means, based on my understanding, that people are given knowledge. They are given information to fill the lack of knowledge that most people in this society have about the whole question of sexuality, but it is not going to talk about all aspects of that matter, but only those that relate to bringing people into this world. I suppose it would talk about financial and economic problems that could develop. It talks about the responsibilities that a person would have in attempting to rear a child. Young people, especially, would be made to know that babies are not dolls. They are not teddy bears. They are not toys, which are to be used for entertainment until they begin to get on the nerves of the parent or parents. If such a situation, as unfortunate as it is, should arise, we have those cases of child abuse that develop. A young lady who may not have thought deeply about the implications of having a child, when a child actually comes into the world, should she carry the pregnancy to term, will begin to realize that there are many things which girls her age are able to do which she cannot do, places she cannot go, for example, dances, parties, recreation centers, shopping at the mall, or any of the myriad of things that young women and young men do these days. The child begins to be viewed as an anchor or an impediment to enjoying life. When the child cries, the cry is not interpreted by the mother as an indication that something is besetting the child which ought to be addressed and corrected. Instead, the child gets on the mother's nerves. If the mother or somebody else is baby-sitting that child, then violence often is directed toward the child. The child may not be hated as such, but the child is hated...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...as a symbol of all those things which prevent this parent from doing what he or she would rather be doing. So the child may be shaken violently. The Child may be thrown against a wall. Perhaps a pillow is placed over the child's head to stop the crying, or at least to muffle it. Then we have a dead child, a severely injured child, perhaps a permanently crippled, paralyzed, or retarded child. Many of those things can be avoided if, in the first instance, we provide information which is needed and essential. I think Senator Hall's amendment is very appropriate, and I think it is appropriate to attach it to this bill, and I am in support of