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debate. And she says, let's see, in this year, last year--that would have been 1990--there were 153 abortions performed on minors under the age of 16. And she goes on to tell about 15-year-olds, 14-year-olds, 13-year-olds, 12 years old...12 years of age. Now, don't tell me that we don't have a need to let some of these young people know what the law is, even at that tender age. And I'd rather...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...that we never had to address it at all. But it's there, and it's reality.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers on your motion to recommit.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, since we're touching on other statutes, there's one, 71-6908. This is the last sentence: The Legislature encourages county attorneys to prosecute persons accused of committing acts of abuse, incest, neglect, or sexual assault pursuant to various sections, and even if the alleged crime is committed by a biological or adoptive parent, foster parent, or other biological, adoptive, or foster family member. If the statute acknowledges that there are parents who abuse their children sexually, all it does is confirm what Senator Landis pointed out. But when those so-called pro-life people get on their hobbyhorse, all logic goes out the window, and I know it. But I'm not going to let them get away with it and let them turn this discussion into some sterile talk about information. As Senator Landis pointed out, this is the kind of information they don't want people to have. Senator Quandahl and Senator Redfield talked about the Legislature not requiring the schools to hand out other information. This particular piece of legislation was triggered, or made necessary, by restrictive legislation enacted by the Legislature. This was adopted as a response to something the Legislature did that restricted a young woman's right to procure an abortion. When that restriction was placed, the Legislature felt this kind of information should be made available to those young women. And the place where they're most likely to receive it would be the