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particular amendment in. When I was...when we were drafting the amendment, I guess I was thinking it was already in the original legislation but, actually, that section is removed. So I think that probably is a necessary amendment to put in. You know, this is a very frustrating issue because I think there are different points of view on this issue, and I think that there are people who feel that we do need notification. And yet, no matter what scenario gets provided, there is no give at all. And I'd like to go back to the amendment that Senator Chambers was talking about and that was, I'm not sure what the number was, AM2209, I think, and that was the amendment that had the toll-free number in it. And that was the amendment that we had talked about as having been worked out by a number of groups and, in fact, there was only one group that was against it. All the school board groups were in favor of it at the public hearing on that bill, LB 139, several years ago. And by the way, I need to correct myself for the record, I keep saying LB 454, but the original legislation was LB 425. And it's a little memory quirk I guess I'm having, so I need to correct that. But I...one of the things I want to do is call your attention to the fact that the Nebraska Association of School Boards supports the idea of that toll-free number, and I want to take you back to last year when LB 172 was introduced. And it was introduced early in the year and it came out of committee earlier in the year on LB...or on 3-14; March 14 of last year it got placed out on General File. The School Boards Association then met in their delegate assembly in November of 2003, and here's the provision that they adopted at their delegate assembly, and I want you to hear this because what it says is that the school boards think there need to be some kind of information for these students. And here's what they say: NASB supports legislation that would establish a toll-free number at the Department of Health, available 24 hours a day, to furnish information regarding the requirements for parental notification in obtaining an abortion, and the means for seeking a judicial waiver, and repeal of the duty of school districts to notify students of statutory abortion rights. So that is after LB 172 was introduced. That is after LB 172 came out on the floor. The school boards could have ducked this issue. They could have considered it a fait accompli at that point. But I am reading from a publication that they put out about their legislative