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offered and considered, they sat there, like lumps on logs, not voting. That's worse than being lukewarm. However, each person is free to conduct his or her legislative business in the way he or she pleases. I had read from the material developed by the Nebraska Department of Education, which my amendment says could be utilized to comply with the information in Senator Schimek's amendment. The Lincoln Public Schools put out a one-sheet document. There is text on only about half of the sheet of paper. The heading is Information For Students, and this is to comply with the existing law. This information is provided to all students in grades 7 through 12 as required by Nebraska law, Statute 71-6909. The Nebraska Legislature has passed a bill that may impact you. If a woman under the age of 18 who is not self-supporting or married becomes pregnant and decides to have an abortion in Nebraska, she will not be able to have an abortion without having one of her parents or her guardian notified of the pending abortion. If she does not wish to have her parent notified, she may appear before a judge and convince the judge that she is mature and capable of giving informed consent to the proposed abortion, or that the performance of the abortion without notification of one of her parents or her guardian would be in her best interests. If the judge makes a decision unsatisfactory to the woman, she may appeal the decision to the Nebraska Supreme Court. All records, forms, and court proceedings regarding the waiver or an appeal are private and confidential, and will not be made public without the woman's permission. For additional information regarding the law dealing with parental notification of an abortion refer to Nebraska Revised Statutes 71-6901 to 71-6909. That document handed out by the Lincoln Public Schools currently satisfies the requirements of the law. As with the department's more detailed information,...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...this document uses neutral terms. It does not argue one side or the other of the abortion question. It merely makes accurate assertions based on the law, and it directs the young woman to the Nebraska statutes which will contain additional information. This amendment, similar to mine calling for confidentiality, does not affect the content of