

critical. I have said the amendment is offered to establish legislative history and legislative intent so that if the amendment is rejected and I urge you to reject it, that we have a constitutional picture to present to the court as to why we, the Legislature of Nebraska, are saying, children, and you are still a child when you are eighteen, children, if you are pregnant and you are going to try to get an abortion, you have to at least advise your parents or guardian. Now I would like to address the six arguments that have been raised against this. Number one, Senator Ernie Chambers and some others, said, DeCamp, if you try to keep parental consultation in, it is going to be unconstitutional. On this very day, at this very hour, in the United States Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., this identical debate, this identical subject is being dealt with. I believe the Supreme Court will rule in favor of the parents and the rights to have parental consultation. Argument against: incest. Is that really an argument against or for? If a young girl becomes pregnant through incest, father, brother, is it better to have a system that brings this to the attention of someone, a doctor, a nurse, someone else, a pastor, a counsellor, so that child abuse can be reported, so that something can be straightened out? That is what this will cause. Incest probably is not by any stretch of the imagination the biggest cause of pregnancy among teenagers. It is not then one of the overriding considerations. It is a consideration but as I say, I suggest that the incest problem is better solved with consultation than without it. Senator Chambers argued, wait a minute he said. Venereal disease, V.D., we allow children to be treated for V.D. without parental consent. Absolutely correct but what is the reason? Go back a few years to when we did that in this state and other states. It was for public protection because that person, that teenager with V.D., might be spreading it to the rest of the population. It was for the public's protection, not necessarily for that individual. That was a secondary reason. Pregnancy on the other hand, within limits, is not a contagious disease. It is a completely opposite situation. There it is the individual who is involved and not the public...

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute.

SENATOR DeCAMP: ...that is necessarily being protected. This helps hold the family structure together, this legislation as it is with the rejection of the amendment. In