

appendectomy or even has their ears cleaned out, no doctor in Nebraska will touch them until the parent signs their consent. But when it comes to an abortion, no child 13 years old having an abortion, no child 14 years old having an abortion, 15, 16, 17, whatever age, they don't have to have their parents' consent for that surgical procedure, and if you argue whether or not it is a surgical procedure, I can tell you this. When a doctor puts a tube down your throat and stretches your esophagus and takes about 60 seconds to do it, they call it a surgical procedure and an abortion is a great deal more than that. I would like to remind all of you, in view of Senator Vard Johnson's remarks about this consent, you know the doctor in Omaha that runs the abortion clinic on L Street and insists that every young girl that comes to him pays \$300 up front on the table before we do anything and you all recall that he was indicted and charged with getting an extra \$10 under the table that he did not report as income to the federal income tax people, the good old IRS, he is still practicing. The medical profession did nothing about it. That's why I think this amendment is necessary, the bill is necessary. The medical profession does not police itself. A man who will lie and cheat on his income tax certainly would not be above lying and cheating to a 14 year old girl, especially when he is asking for a lousy ten bucks under the table for each abortion he does. So I feel that this advised consent, again, is geared more to the young and the innocent and it's there because this is the only medical procedure I know of that a minor doesn't need their parents' consent to have. Have their tonsils or their adenoids out, no way will a doctor touch them, but do an abortion, call up, make an appointment, come in and it's zip zap, you're in and out as long as you've got the \$300. All Senator Labeledz's amendment is saying is, these young innocents who perhaps for the first time have become pregnant, since they don't have to even advise their parents that they are pregnant and they don't even have to ask their permission to get an abortion, and whether you agree with that or not is irrelevant, they at least should have somebody give them some information...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...as to all the ramifications of this medical procedure they are going to have and counsel them. If they choose to go through with the abortion, they should know how they're going to feel afterwards physically and