

Withem's amendment also requires that the State Department of Education to develop and distribute to all public schools an information form which may be used to comply with this provision. And, presumably, Senator Withem, and I don't know if you have the cost yet, but an appropriation will have to be made to cover the cost of the mandate that you have in your amendment to LB 425. This amendment not only goes against the intent of my bill, of our bill, it also requires schools to be involved in telling the students the legal steps how to get an abortion without notifying their parents; let me repeat, schools telling all students in grades seven through twelve how to obtain an abortion and keep it a secret from their parents. I strongly oppose Senator Withem's amendment. As I said before, the judicial bypass and everything will be explained to the young lady when she is told by the physician at the abortion clinic that he must...he or she must notify the parent, and at that time will be told of the judicial bypass, and by telling all of them in school prior to even a pregnancy or before they make the decision of having an abortion is telling them that they should not...they should bypass telling their parents or notifying their parents. I oppose the amendment.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I rise in support of Senator Withem's amendment to the bill. It is the one...well, one of at least a couple of areas where I part ways with some of the more traditional proponents of 425, and it has to deal with the whole aspect of education. We talk about schools as a place where we strive to challenge our children to discuss things, to learn about life, to learn about various things that they are going to have to deal with, make decisions on throughout the balance of their young and hopefully very long lives. This is the one thing for me that brings it all home in terms of the whole concept of talking about these kinds of decisions with your family. We purport to say that we are going to have discussions among family members, young people talking to their parents. What better place to focus than in the classroom, to focus on this in school. I know that much discussion that takes place at our dinner table revolves around what went on at school today, and that is where, frankly, children get ideas. That is where they learn, also, much of their sex education. That is where I learned all of mine, and I didn't go to a public school, Senator Withem. That is the other question I have, that this doesn't deal with all approved and