

analysis of the numbers of young people who fall into various categories, one study found, conducted by the Guttmacher Institute that, as I have previously identified, 55 to 65 percent of young people tell their parents. Those we need not worry about and wi' be able to meet the standards of LB 425. Twenty-three percent of responding young people said they will not tell their parents, and when asked what they would do, their answers varied. In some cases, they said, well, I will leave. I will carry the child to term but I will leave the circumstance. Others said they would obtain an illegal abortion, if necessary, or leave the jurisdiction to find a place where an abortion was available. Even the proponents who want, I think, very much to address that kind of problem should, I would hope, be willing to substitute, rather than failing to comply with 425, a broader range of caring adults who could meet the notification standard, give the counseling that the proponents wish to have, take the child into their confidence, talk to them, give them support, give them caring, and in that sense, be able to meet the goal of LB 425, but without running afoul of the dysfunctional family, which may be potentially abusive, there may be incest, there may be alcohol, all of those things may be present. And for that reason I offer the amendment to LB 425. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Further discussion of the new amendment, Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: The way I understand Senator Landis's amendment, he is going to insert "Adult family member shall mean one parent, grandparent, sister, brother, aunt, uncle, stepparent nineteen years of age or older, or guardian" and then he is striking "parent" and putting in "adult family member." I don't think any of those that he listed in his amendment know anything, absolutely nothing, probably, of the medical history of that young lady that has become pregnant and is a minor. The parent's interest in raising children and having knowledge essential to performance of the parental responsibility is far more important, Senator Landis, and it would also allow notification to be given to an adult family that, as I said before, has nothing to do or knows nothing about the medical history. And when we first starting discussing LB 425, I mentioned the fact that one girl, of course, had a medical history and an abortion was performed, and then she jumped off a