

schools, and I would certainly strongly object to that, as many people in this State of Nebraska would. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Labeledz. We will now go to the next speaker, Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would rise to oppose Senator Landis's amendment. I believe it goes to the heart of LB 425, which is the parental notification and the right of the parents to be involved, and to name a bunch of other people, relatives of the minor child, and to try and insert parental oversight at that point with a brother or a sister, who perhaps is a year or two older, basically guts the entire intent of the bill, and that the intent of the bill is that parental involvement be concerned and that parental notice be given, and that that type of guidance and appropriate wisdom be shared within a family and discussed appropriately. And to be able to go to her brother or sister, who is a year or two older than you, to get their consent, seems to me to be not appropriate in the context of what Senator Labeledz is trying to do in this bill in trying to increase family awareness, and family involvement, and all of those things. So I would oppose the Landis amendment and would encourage the other members to do so. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Horgan. We will now go to Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. This particular amendment by Senator Landis, I think Senator Horgan you are correct, goes to the heart of the matter, but, unfortunately, I don't think you recognize yet what the heart of the matter is. The heart of the matter as far as I am concerned, at least my interpretation, we may differ on where that heart is, my interpretation, at least of the heart of the matter, is what can we do to our young teenage women who are becoming pregnant that are unemancipated? What can we do to get them not to have an abortion? That is the heart of the amendment. That is what the discussion for the last two and a half years has been on, what can we do to limit the amount of abortions in the State of Nebraska and nationwide? One of the things that has come down in a philosophy is that if we somehow legislate children talking to their parents, and I always kind of smile when I hear that as a former teacher, we are going to legislate the children must talk to their parents. I will be amazed at the day that that really happens no matter what law is