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SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. Now the definition of pregnant woman on page 3 is much broader than the language on page 5 where we talk about the judicial bypass which allows that in the case of a woman who is not mature.

SENATOR LABEDZ: That's on...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You know, it doesn't...okay.

SENATOR LABEDZ: That's on line 3?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, page 5.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Page 5.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mmm, hmm.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes, it says that if the court determines that the pregnant woman is not mature or if the pregnant woman does not claim to be mature, the court shall determine whether the performance of an abortion upon her without notification of her parent would be in her best interests.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so your language refers to this woman who is not mature who may be seeking a judicial bypass.

SENATOR LABEDZ: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It does not refer to the woman in the definition on page 3 where nothing is said about lack of maturity.

SENATOR LABEDZ: No, it does not. Well it says because of finding of the incapacity, disability or incompetency.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well incapacity wouldn't be the same as immaturity. But anyway...

SENATOR LABEDZ: Well that's for the guardian anyway.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, and I'm trying to get at what these words really mean. You don't want to put a definition of immature minors in your intent language or anywhere in the bill?