

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What is wrong with the young lady being informed about the language you all have in your existing law?

SENATOR HORGAN: I don't think there is anything wrong with it. My problem with it is twofold; one, that both public and private schools would have to...are mandated to provide this information and will cause some problem for some private schools, and, two, that counselors already would have the authority to do this, to provide this information, but by putting this in the statutes, I think we open up ourselves, the schools up to possible litigation and responsibility when a young lady would come back in the future and say you were supposed to inform me of this and I don't accept or believe that you properly informed me.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, her comment would not...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time. Senator Smith, you are next.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am just going to be very brief this time. I am going to reiterate that I am going to be supportive of the Chambers amendment. I think it is really important that...I support the whole concept of allowing a young woman to be as informed as possible on this issue, and I see this amendment as a part of that picture. And for that reason, I am also going to tell you right now that I am going to support Senator Labedz's effort when she adds the other part of that amendment, which also makes her informed. And I think everyone in here, then, if you are supporting this, you ought to also be supportive of the fact that she should know the development of the child that she is bearing. I think that is a part of the process of educating her, and I can't understand why there is a big argument here. If one half of us are saying, and it seemed to me what it comes down to for most of the people in here, it almost looks like if you are poor, or if you are against, that is how you are going to vote. And for me, I am not looking at that issue. I am saying I think she should be informed. This is a part of that opportunity for her to be informed. I am going to support this, and I also am going to support the other part of it, and that is that she knows about that life she is carrying. You know, I would just like to make one real quick statement here, Senator Chambers, and, Senator Chambers, I don't want you to miss this. When you were talking about all the agonies that women endure and how they have been treated so badly down through the time, but think of how