

SENATOR VENDITTE: Well, Senator, I have mixed emotions on the amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why? You don't have mixed emotions about...

SENATOR VENDITTE: Well, first of all, Senator, I just heard the amendment within the last five minutes and I haven't had time to review that amendment in depth.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, I will tell you what it is. It doesn't take any depth, any amount of time to review it in depth. It simply says that no unborn person shall be deprived of life by any person, period. Now you said that which is conceived is a human being? Will you support this amendment? It strikes everything after person. It allows no escape clause. This is my polygraph amendment.

SENATOR VENDITTE: It is also the abolition of the death penalty amendment as well.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This says unborn person, Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Well it goes on to say shall be...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I have changed that. No unborn person, that's what it says the way I have amended it. I didn't strike unborn. I struck everything after person. Don't be so fidgety. I'm not like that. If you ask me about capital punishment, I say I'm opposed to it, period. You say mass murders, yes, I'm opposed to it. For Starkweather, I'm opposed to it, and Adolph Eichman, I'm opposed to it. Now are you opposed to abortion or are you not? Are you opposed to abortion, Senator Venditte or have you been game playing with us?

SENATOR VENDITTE: No, I have not been game playing, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then, Senator Patrick L. Venditte, you support this amendment, don't you?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Well, Senator, again, I don't know what kind of long range provisions your amendment would have to this resolution.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It simply says that if the unborn is a person as you have stated, then nobody can take that unborn person's life. Either you believe it or you don't.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Senator Chambers, your simplicity is very deceiving sometimes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well then, let's deal with it from your point of view, Senator Patrick L. Venditte. You wanted this issue before us. Now it is before us. I'm willing to grapple with it and I hope you will grapple with it also. It's your issue.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Okay, then can I ask you a question in response, Senator?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Certainly.

SENATOR VENDITTE: If in fact this amendment would be passed by this body would it have anything to do with the Congress or us petitioning Congress to call?