

an amendment that I am going to add to the bill and I think it has more validity and legitimacy than what is being offered here. This bill purely and simply is a way for the Legislature to go on record, those who will vote for it, as saying that they are opposed to abortions and I am going to tell you all something that may come as a shock to some of you. There are senators who are not opposed to abortion but they lack the courage to take that position publicly by way of registering a vote. I will never be in that group who are afraid to forthrightly state what his or her position is. I don't think that this Legislature, and it has been demonstrated, is in a position to declare an abortion a crime. They can call it a sin or whatever they choose to but it is kind of ironic that in other parts of the country they have had situations where some state legislators, I don't know if Kansas or Missouri was one of them, had helped a page obtain an abortion because there had been improper contact between the senator and the page and the senator was one of the strongest anti-abortion persons on the floor of the Legislature. So with this issue, as with many others, hypocrisy reigns supreme. I would venture to say that there are people on the floor of every Legislature throughout the country doing things with members of the opposite sex which could result in an undesired pregnancy and should that occur, they would not hesitate to seek an abortion or to aid somebody in obtaining an abortion. So I think what we are going to have to do is talk frankly about what it is we are considering. Some people who are past child-bearing years will not be concerned. It is getting quiet now.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Those who have children who are past child-bearing years will not be concerned because it no longer is a matter of interest to them but if you could find some way to check the history of everybody, you would see that they are dealing with a symptom and not the cause because they engaged in the conduct that would have presented the symptom that would have produced it. We are not naive on this floor. We know how babies are made. We know where they come from. So I think what is being attempted here is to adopt the holier-than-thou attitude and say if you got caught, then that is tough but if you don't get caught it is alright to do the same thing. Mr. Chairman, I know my time is up for this point so I won't prolong what I am saying but I will speak again.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh, do you wish to speak to the emergency clause motion?