

She can have an abortion if she wants to but I don't think and many of us here on the floor believe that public funds should be used, therefore, I don't see why this has anything to do with LB 125 and I would like to ask you that question. Does anything in the bill prevent this, anyone, on rape or incest from obtaining an abortion?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Who are you asking the question of?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Beutler.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler, do you yield?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes. Senator Labedz, if the issue is not truly abortion then why do we have something in the bill about saving the life of the mother? There is nothing in the law. A woman can have an abortion to save her own life under the law, can she not? Why is that in the bill? Why do you make an exception for that?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Because as you know when we talk about abortion we talk about the destruction of human life and an unborn child is the destruction of a human life. When the life of the mother is involved, that also is human life and therefore we did put the life of the mother. Rape and incest, the woman can or cannot or will or will not have an abortion and there are alternatives for that which is adoption, if she doesn't have the abortion, but it has nothing to do with LB 125. We are just talking about funding, not whether or not she can or cannot have an abortion.

SENATOR BEUTLER: My point was simply that it has as much to do with the bill as does the other provision having to do with saving the life of the mother. They are two of a kind.

SENATOR LABEDZ: It also has that in there, the life of the mother.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, as these amendments come up it seems that we develop some contradictions in the philosophy of those supporting this bill. Senator Higgins says abortion is not the issue in this bill, it is just a question of tax issue. It is tied to an appropriations bill. It is a tax issue. It is a question of whether tax dollars are being wasted, I think was the term that Senator Higgins used. So Senator Beutler puts up an amendment that deals with the question of reim-