

bursement to victims of crime and the question before us, if all we are talking about is use of tax dollars, is, should there be support, tax support, for a victim of crime, a specific crime, rape or incest. But then Senator Beutler puts his amendment up and Senator Labeledz starts talking about abortion. Now if this is simply a tax issue, then the question is, does this Legislature believe that crime victims should receive some type of support, public support to aid them after they have been assaulted, sexually assaulted in this case. Now I would think that this Legislature which, like local control, has stood up time and time again and said, we should have some concern for the victims of crime, we should show some sympathy to the victims of crime, would this time want to join Senator Beutler and show some sympathy to a victim of a very horrendous crime, a crime that is personally devastating. I would think that there would be some sympathy unless perhaps there is some sort of feeling that a pregnancy caused by incest or rape should basically be carried as a sign of guilt. It is as if the victim may be, in fact, responsible for that pregnancy and we should show no sympathy for a woman who is pregnant because of rape. We should show no support to a woman who is a victim of rape, that that pregnancy must be carried, to use a Nathaniel Hawthorne analogy, like a scarlet A, as a symbol of the guilt and carried as a sign of blame and that it should be carried as if the victim is at fault and as if we are supporting the actions of the assailant. Now I would hope that this Legislature would not take that side, this Legislature would not be so insensitive to a victim of crime as to say, if you are raped or if you are pregnant due to incest and you wish to have a medical procedure to terminate the pregnancy and when it comes time to pay for that that the publicly supported, the group insurance plan that you have joined in provides you no support. The door is closed. People look the other way, say, that is your responsibility. We are walking away from that victim of crime. We are saying that we have no responsibility to aid them. We will aid collectively in other medical operations. We will provide collective protection for other illnesses even things like colds and flu but when it comes to a medical procedure that is the result of a crime, a criminal action, suddenly we say, well we are not going to help you with that, that is your responsibility, as if we are saying the woman is at fault, it is her responsibility, we share none of the responsibility for assisting her.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Your time is up. Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, I call for the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do I see five hands? Okay, the question