

actions, either out of emotion or out of ignorance, and I believe for us to say we will not expend tax dollars for a medical need when it can be demonstrated, is foolhardy on our part. I have had a position on pro-life ever since I ran for this Legislature, was this and very clearly this, that any time the United States Congress puts an amendment to us which diminishes the Supreme Court decision which is the supreme law of the land, I will support it but I am never going to be a party to some law locally that wants to circumvent the supreme law of the land and this is the circumventing of that law. We are absolutely ignoring our responsibilities. I know how Senator Labeledz feels about this and I respect her expression but also people better know how I feel about it. Senator Marsh said there are those of us who come from other kinds of religions who happen to believe in freedom of choice what you can do with your life and you are going to suffer the consequences some day, either now or later, and if we believe in that great Creator like we all say we do then we ought to remember one thing. We ought to be able to forgive, we ought to be compassionate, we ought to be people of justice and we ought to be people of empathy and we ought to be trying to solve the problem instead of ducking it. If we really lived like we cloak ourselves to be, we would have very few problems with the issue of abortion. You know that as well as I do. That problem shouldn't even be around this nation so civilized and so religious but you ought to know that all people are not as Christian as we are, nor are they as disciplined as we are, nor do they live by the rules like we do, nor do they follow the Decalogue every day like we do, we are never hypocritical. We are always candid and we are always honest. We are always truthful. We are always above board and we are charitable. My foot, we're charitable. And we are courageous. We are only courageous when it is convenient to be courageous and I submit to you people on this floor a man and woman elected to public office better have more courage today because we are going to need it. The reason we are elected is to make tough decisions, not based upon emotion or not based upon some positions that people develop that are very one-issue oriented because this nation, you put it to a vote, I don't think it would be as popular as you think it is because I believe the man and woman on the street have a greater conscience and I am sorry that we tried to cease debate on this bill because many of us sat back thinking we were going to get to the point, we were going to get down to some tough decisionmaking and talking. And I think for us to pass this over so easily would be indeed not to our best interest. I want to submit to you we had a bill in the Education Committee and I will try to bring it out of there that tries to bring instruction to the public schools on what causes birth defects,