

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't think that is what the language says.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Well we can certainly change it if it is wrong.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So what your intent is, is that if one of these 32 or whatever number of doctors you mentioned were scattered around the state should encounter a situation where he would perform ten abortions in any given week then his office would have to be licensed under this bill from then on, isn't that correct?

SENATOR LABEDZ: That is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that your intention?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right so, for the record, thank you Senator Labedz. What I have perceived or have been told that this bill means is that if in any given seven day period ten abortions are performed in an office that office must be licensed. I would advise the members of the legislature to consider that possibility as being what you desire to have in a law. There are difficulties that used to be encountered only in the cities. But now some of these problems are coming to the rural areas. There could be a set of circumstances where a doctor rather than going through the problem of having a license would simply turn these young rural girls away and tell them go to Omaha or go to Lincoln. And they would say, doctor I can't go to Omaha or Lincoln very easily. He would say well you have coat hangers at home haven't you? She would say, by God, I didn't think of that. There will be the solution to that particular problem probably an ultimate solution, and a final solution. I just find it difficult for myself to parse this issue as you would parse a sentence. Either it is totally wrong to give abortions or it is not. Either there should be licensure of those who give abortions or there should not. But to take a principle which is supposedly based on morality and a concern for life, and those who say that life begins at the moment or at the instance of conception for them to play a numbers game is totally beyond my ability to understand. If it is a moral principle the principle obtains that if there is one abortion in a year, or a thousand in a day. I don't understand this kind of compromising by those people who were so rigid on the issue. It is not a compromise to me because I don't accept what they say about a human being being in existence from the instant of conception. So, though it is the end of the day and I know that everybody is tired and I know that you are probably somewhat tired of listening to me, but you keep bringing up these issues one after the other in which I have an