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contract for the state that we are talking about in this bill. This group insurance paid for by the state will not prohibit coverage for an abortion certified as being necessary to save the life of the woman. Isn't that correct?

SENATOR DWORAK: The provisions of the bill allow the group insurance contract to have abortion coverage.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, Senator Dworak, if you....

SENATOR DWORAK: Under all circumstances, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you are saying then that a woman who wants an abortion, who is a state employee, will be covered by the state's insurance group plan. Is that what you are saying, that the bill doesn't do what you told us it will do? I am confused.

SENATOR DWORAK: That is correct, Senator Chambers. The only thing we are saying is that that portion of coverage that the portion of the premium used to buy abortion cannot be paid for by state dollars.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can that portion of the premium paid for by the state be used for an abortion where the death of the mother might occur?

SENATOR DWORAK: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you are voting in favor of abortion under certain circumstances in this bill, aren't you?

SENATOR DWORAK: In a case where the mother's life is endangered, yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Dworak, if we are talking about what you and Senator Labeledz have called "the rights of the unborn", how can you weight one against the other in this instance and come down on the side of the woman? If the rights of the two are the same and they should be if both are total human beings, who are you and how do you make such a moral determination that abortion is right in this particular case?

SENATOR DWORAK: Well, in my opinion, Senator Chambers, we all have the right and the instinct to protect our own lives.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you believe that it is all right to kill the child, as you have defined "the unborn", in