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order to save the life of the mother?

SENATOR DWORAK: If two lives are at stake, Senator Chambers, and it gets to that very unique situation, I believe that it is perfectly proper to preserve the life of the mother, yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Which of the two would be more innocent in terms of having done bad things in the world?

SENATOR DWORAK: Well, I am not sure I am in a position to make that judgment other than the fact that I feel that when two lives are at stake, the balance between the two instinctively I believe that we preserve life and I see no problem with the...when the life of the mother is at stake.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Dworak, from these questions, you know very well what I am doing, don't you?

SENATOR DWORAK: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. Members of the Legislature, if I were against abortion as I am against the death penalty, I would be against it in any and all circumstances...any and all circumstances. I could never justify abortion as I can never justify the death penalty. There are a couple of things that trouble me in the way that this bill and LB 466 yesterday was handled. Those who say they are so opposed to abortion will make compromises with that principle. If less than ten abortions are performed a week, that guy doesn't need to be regulated or licensed, yet abortion is being viewed by the anti-abortionists here as an evil, and if it is an evil, how can you compromise with it? How can you say there is such a thing as a little bit of abortion being all right....

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Chambers, you have one minute, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...any more than you can say that there is such a thing as being a little bit pregnant, to use the hackneyed example. Either it is right or it is wrong from those who are making it a moral issue. There should be no way that Senator Labeledz or Senator Dworak or any of those who said they oppose abortion should be able to vote for this bill because you are voting for a coverage for abortions in this bill. But I know that won't make any difference because we are not operating