

people decided that the Jewish people didn't deserve to live, and there were at that time many people in the world who had to be aware of what was happening but who did not take a position vocally vigorously opposing what was happening in Nazi Germany. I am not challenging the good intentions of any of the persons who oppose my point of view, but what I am saying is that those of us who have a feeling as we do about the abortion issue have a responsibility to speak to it. We do not necessarily want to avoid the constitutional question but we want to express our opposition, express our firm intention that we think it is wrong so that 25, or 50 or 100 years from now if medical technology or some other science is able to tell us exactly when is a fetus viable, those of us who have felt as we did can say that we did not sit by silently and do nothing. It's just that simple. I would hope that....

SENATOR NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...we would be at least allowed to express our deep concern for those who cannot speak for themselves. Therefore, I oppose Senator Johnson's amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Dworak. Senator Marsh, you are next. Senator Chambers, Senator Koch, Senator Cullan, Senator Labeledz and Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, I oppose Senator Johnson's amendment to lower the age to 16. I think this frankly is an arbitrary decision. I think some 17 and some 18 year old people are mature enough to make decisions but I think some are not. We are faced with this dilemma in almost any category we talk about. We talk about the age for drinking as suddenly the magic age 20, or 21, or 22, or ever. We talk about it in the age of marriage where I think we are at 17. And we talk about it in the age of driving, when are we mature enough to drive, as 16. So I think it is an arbitrary situation and I think in my opinion...now I have always supported parental consultation, parental advisement in a serious situation like this. I think that 16, 17, 18 year old person needs the support, parental support. Now some circumstances preclude that. Some broken families for one reason or another preclude that parental support. In those cases, Senator Labeledz, through other sections makes provisions where those people can obtain abortion without the parental support. Senator Labeledz's amendment says and defines minor as defined in Section 38-181 of