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Senator Higgins, we are going to let lawyers make more money from the state by enacting unconstitutional provisions, and I think that the Legislature has made it clear that it is not going to use rationality on these bills, so let the word "minor" stand undefined, unmodified as it does in Senator Labez's amendment. They are prepared to get in an airplane with enough gas to fly thirty miles, get twenty-nine miles over the ocean and then decide they are going to come back with enough gas to fly one mile. Well, that's the path they wanted to pursue, so I am going to help them by voting against Senator Johnson's amendment. I will not vote for the bill. I am kind of puzzled also by what seems to my mind to be a contradiction but I see things differently than most people around here. Those who say that from the instant of conception we have a human being, therefore there should be no abortions, are the same ones who vote to let cops have high speed chases and kill kids even though they know that's what is happening, and it doesn't bother them. And we don't have to argue whether these are human beings or not. So we can have a compromise, keep the high speed chases, then the minors who want abortions can get the cops to chase them and run into their car and perform a high speed abortion for them, and everybody is happy. Now we have gone into the Orwellian world where words don't mean what they ordinarily mean. This Legislature is dealing in insanity, irrationality. I feel almost like Lewis Carroll's In The Looking Glass story as a participant from the standpoint of looking down the hole or through the looking glass watching. That's the extent of my participation. I am not going to be crazy because everybody else is. Senator Higgins, there was a guy who went to this insane asylum and he asked the people, he was a preacher...he said, my topic will be, why are we all here? And somebody said, because we are not all there. That fits the Legislature. And with that, I will reiterate, Senator Johnson, I am going to vote against your amendment. I am going to vote against any attempt to bring rationality into this irrational discussion. I don't applaud you for this. I condemn you for it until you ought to be ashamed of yourself. You know the theory of diminished mental responsibility. You don't place more on people than what they have the mental capability to cope with. So what you ought to do is just withdraw your amendment and sit down and be quiet.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, am going to oppose Senator Vard Johnson's proposal. I know that