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You were looking at me.

SENATOR LAMB: That was my mistake.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, can you see what a difficulty arises when you begin to try to talk about an issue in moral terms. You cannot follow your principles to their logical conclusion. Now give me a moral issue like the death penalty and you will find no equivocation in me even where the murderers of the twenty-seven black youngsters are concerned in Atlanta, Georgia. I still don't equivocate. I don't like what has happened and it makes me swallow hard but I think there should be no death penalty imposed in that case. If I felt that some of you say you feel where abortion is concerned that at the instant of conception you have a human being, you would have me on your side against all abortions as I am against all capital punishments being carried out by the state. You have already conceded the ground to me. You have said it is the act of abortion which is wrong not the numbers. So my amendment is merely tracking the moral principle that you have established, Senator Cullan, Senator Bernice, Senator Higgins and Senator Dworak. If the regulation of abortion is what we are dealing with, and I have been lead to believe that it is, my amendment fits right in with that principle and for that reason I have offered it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is the Chambers amendment to the bill. Senator Higgins, do you wish to speak to that?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Yes, Mr. Speaker and Senators. Senator Chambers has said that what we are doing is contradictory and hypocritical. Many times I have sat in this Legislature and had myself and my fellow Senators chastised by Senator Chambers saying we are all hypocrites. I know all of you remember this many times. So I would like to pose a rhetorical question to those of you who are listening. Senator Chambers has also stated that he does not belong to any organized church because he believes those that are there are all hypocrites but he chooses to belong to this organization of hypocrites because he has called us hypocrites and those who go to church are hypocrites. Now here Senator Chambers is paid four hundred dollars a month to belong to an alleged hypocritical body and he is also given his own pulpit from which to preach to the rest of us about what hypocrites we are. Whereas the hypocrites in church, he has to sit in the pew and listen to somebody else preach to him about maybe hypocrisy. So the question I have to ask is, if he is once again going to tell all of us we are hypocrites and we are contradictory, you will have to ask yourselves, Senators, is he here because he