

listen to that argument, if it's out there, and then form a judgment. But what is before us right now is the reconsideration motion and I hope you will vote aye.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Landis, please, followed by Senator Nelson then Senator Ashford.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, Ernie, you just don't get it. This bill is not about a right to know. This bill is not about people knowing what their rights are. You don't understand this game. Now you're a very bright fellow and you've been here for years, longer than I have, but the masks have got to be pulled off here. This is not about the right to know. This is about harassing women; this is about an attempt to make sure that abortions don't occur; this is an attempt to make sure that we can find whatever leverage can be used to stop this decision from occurring. It is an attempt to continue a political agenda. It is one of a wide variety of forums in which that political agenda is going forward. It happens to be done at the expense of the constitutional rights of women, but that's the grist by which this mill operates. Senator Chambers, I suppose you'd like to ask for a reasonable, reasoned piece of policy from this body that, in fact, attempts to analyze an elicit a reasonable right to know from the young women, from their parents and from the state, but that's not what this bill is about, because we have no intention of informing women what their rights are. We don't want them to know what the law says. As a matter of fact, the more the child can be made ignorant of what this law will do, the better, because, if, in fact, they learn about it, find out what their rights are, they might exercise those rights, and if they do, an abortion might follow and that's what is at stake. There are to be no more abortions. That is what the bill is about. Now, we can all sit here and try to argue about the right to know and how far it should extend and how strong families are and parental involvement and how it's good or bad for young women to be involved in this process. We can talk about the health of the young women. Oddly enough, the University of Minnesota did this study of the trauma of girls going through the bypass of the court procedure, testing their heart rate, testing their pulse and found out that the physical deprivation of going to court and asking a judge for permission to get an abortion was physically more traumatic to the body than was an abortion procedure itself. But that fact is irrelevant because that's not what this bill is about. This bill is about doing away with