

about the double standard in judging their conduct and how a young lady in the present who has a past, has no future...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...but for the man it all it all redounds to his benefit, makes him macho, and we pretend to love these young women, pretend to love the babies we're going to force them to have when the programs that we enact on the floor of this Legislature and the mistreatment we see these children subjected to would indicate this is one of the cruelest societies on the face of the earth when it comes to dealing with its children. Even some of those so-called Third World countries, the developing countries, those not blessed with the technology of America and all of the proper words to say to express concern for children, such cruelty is not found toward children on the scale that it is in America anywhere in the world. There is child abuse everywhere in the world, but it has reached epidemic proportions in this country and the attitudes behind this bill are what encourage it, the harsh punishments imposed on others, but not wanting those punishments imposed on ourselves. We are to be exempt, but the helpless, the voiceless...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the ones who need the compassion are to be stepped upon and dumped on. The least we can do as a start is adopt the reconsideration motion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Chambers, on closing.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, we in this body, our primary responsibility is that of legislation, not salvation. We can argue the morality or the