

unbroken line from that same attitude. And what the inquisitors would say because the church didn't have the power to kill somebody, they would turn them over to the civil authorities for the actual killing in the same way that the people who wanted Jesus killed didn't have the power to kill him themselves so they manufactured an offense that would force the civil authorities to inflict the death penalty. Religious people have always been caged in that fashion. So when they had the set of circumstances where they tortured the person mercilessly, I mean they broke bones, they would take metal boots and force a person's feet into them and then set these boots in hot coals and stoke the fires till the boots turned red hot. When they marched the people down the road to the place where they would be burned to death, to keep these people from crying out they would drill a hole through their tongue and put what was called a pear lock through that hole and heat it hot so that the tongue would swell to such an extent that they could make nothing other than animal-like sounds. And this was to save their soul and the church would ceremoniously say, we must destroy the sinful flesh in order that the eternal soul may be saved.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And now, in 1989, we have a bill saying that the aim is to help young women by, first of all, requiring them to lie; secondly, to send them into a terrible situation from which they may have thought they escaped. You thought Nero was bad when he fed Christians to the lions. Nero would have been Mahatma Gandhi by comparison because Nero didn't pretend to be doing anything other than providing food for the lions. We pretend that the ones we feed to the lions are being fed to the lions for their own good. That is inescapable as the basis for this kind of legislation. But I will tell you what I will bet, if one of our children ran into one of these problems, even if it was a situation where we're talking about how bad it is to have abortions, we're going to say if her young body is forced to carry this fetus to term and give birth to a child, it may destroy her body, let alone her psyche...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and we would find a way to take care of that for our own.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hefner is announcing guests under the