

their order more than they were willing to knuckle under to some man wearing a robe himself telling them, you must be for abor...you must be against abortion or you can't be a nun. She said, I will be for the truth. And there are nuns who are leaving the church. There are young men who are leaving the priesthood and this kind of thing is going to drive more and more of them out. They're around there scrubbing floors and doing the menial work and the priests faring sumptuously and acting like they are little princes and kings. I know what goes on in the church. I have friends who are Catholics.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time. Senator Elmer, please, followed by Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be very brief. I have questions of our three attorneys in here and I will ask each one the same and I will see what their opinions. Senator Kristensen, would you answer a question, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Kristensen, would you respond, please.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR ELMER: Senator Kristensen, the heart of this issue, in my opinion, is not the right of the parents, not the right of the girl, not the right of the man, not the right of the parents, not the right of the grandparents, what is, in our country, the right of that...the rights of that unborn child?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Are you talking about the statutory rights or the constitutional rights or in general?

SENATOR ELMER: In general.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: It's my opinion that there are not any recognizable statutory rights of an unborn child. Constitutionally, the only rights might be for those children in the later trimesters of pregnancies, but other than that there are no protected rights of unborn children.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Ashford, could you answer that question for me?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Ashford, would you respond?