

SENATOR ASHFORD: Well, if I understand the question correctly, I think he is asking whether there is any constitutional rights or whether they are in conflict. I think where the issues are drawn between the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness amendment to the Constitution and the right of privacy amendments and I think those are the basic rights that are being litigated on that issue. So far, as of now, there has not been an established decision on the rights of the unborn, only the rights of privacy and that, I believe, is what is being litigated now, Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: So what you're saying is in the legal viewpoint in the United States an unborn person has no rights?

SENATOR ASHFORD: What I'm...what I'm...it's not my fault, Senator Elmer. What I'm telling you is that the...the Roe v. Wade decision and the debate over Roe v. Wade centers on the issue of the ninth and tenth amendments right to privacy versus other rights that may attach or not attach, depending upon what the Supreme Court says. So...

SENATOR ELMER: Well, I think that this is really what we're talking about. Senator Chambers, would you give my...give me your impression of that question?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, would you respond?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I...ask me the question again, Senator Elmer, I was otherwise occupied.

SENATOR ELMER: Senator Chambers, I asked Senator Kristensen and Senator Ashford this question. In legal...in the legal aspect and view in the United States, what are the rights of an unborn child?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It would depend on the circumstances. In some instances, if a pregnant woman is harmed and harm is done to the fetus, then there might be some damage that a person can recover as a result of that damage to the fetus.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you. Senator Lindsay, do you have any impressions about that?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay.