

legislation like this.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Just read it over and analyze it and compare it to other statutes. What they ought to say is whoever performs an abortion in violation of this act is guilty of a Class I misdemeanor, that they have got to identify somebody as the perpetrator. Otherwise, you have got a criminal act out there but nobody is responsible but a crime is committed by a person. Oh, sometimes it is hard not to feel superior, but since I am such a humble fellow, I usually manage that. I love this bill, so you can do whatever you want to on suspending the rules because it will be up again on Select File and it will run the gauntlet again, but between now and then, I think some people are going to become aware of what a piece of nonsense this is. And, if the Legislature insists on passing it and the Governor insists on signing it, then I will do all I can to make people aware...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...on how they can avoid any provisions of this bill having to apply.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Dennis Byars has some guests in the north balcony, two sponsors and 39 fourth graders from Paddock Lane School in Beatrice. Will you folks please stand and be welcomed. Thank you. We are pleased you could be here. Further discussion on the motion to suspend the rules, Senator Wesely, followed by Senator Bernard-Stevens and Hefner.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. Senator Chambers loves this bill. I, myself, hate this bill, and I hate this bill because it epitomizes one of the most difficult issues any of us individually or collectively can deal with in Nebraska or in this country. It tears apart a nation, it tears apart a state, it tears apart families, and it tears apart individuals, and I stand as one of those individuals. So I happen to be a Catholic, born a Catholic, raised a Catholic, am a Catholic, will die a Catholic, and as such, my church has taught me to respect life and I respect my church for that, but I also have come to respect the right of differences of opinion, that there are people in situations that see issues like this differently than I do. And I have come to respect the fact that there are