

Mr. Fried, the attorney for the U.S. government in the Missouri case a couple of weeks ago when she said, does this mean, Mr. Fried, that in another day and another era that the government could force a woman, as the government of China does today, to have an abortion? And Mr. Fried kind of mumbled around and said, well, gee, I don't know, maybe...I don't think so, this is a different kind of situation. Could the government require euthanasia in a situation where we have a population problem or the cost of medical care is so great that if a person is of a certain age and a certain condition that euthanasia would be sponsored by the government? So I think there was a very grave concern in my district of people who attended this town hall meeting that the government really shouldn't get involved. The other concern that people in my district expressed was, aren't we just going after the minors here? We're going after the young girl who finds herself in a situation like this. There is no mention made of the young man who may have been involved in this, who was involved in this process. So I felt, after that town hall meeting, that many of the thoughts that I had had about this bill had...were reflected amongst the people in my district who attended this meeting. Too much government in this moral process is anathema to many citizens of the State of Nebraska. And I would suggest to you that those individuals who are pushing this piece of legislation so hard represent a very, very small minority of the citizens of this state. And if the citizens of this state...and even the individuals who expressed great support for this bill, after we talked about some of the problems with it, said, you know, I didn't know about it, I didn't know that, I didn't know about this judicial bypass procedure and I didn't know that in Minnesota it doesn't work and I didn't know that they would have to go to court unaccompanied by an...possibly unaccompanied by an attorney with no information given to that young girl about what her rights were. And so I was amazed and comforted, really, quite frankly, by the...by the concerns that were raised by the citizens of the 6th Legislative District when it came to this kind of legislation, the kind of legislation where the state is getting involved in purely clearly moral questions that belong with the family and not with government. I do support Judge...or I do support Senator...I almost said Judge Chambers, Senator Chambers' amendment. (Laughter.) He would make a good judge, I will tell you. You would have to be prepared when you came into his court, I know that. But it brings up again the point that was brought up a couple of times last week by the Bernard-Stevens amendment and then by Senator Chambers'