

this bill is about. This bill is a sort of a stalking horse for the real underlying issue which is not being defended today, other than by Senator Rogers, and that is that abortion is wrong and that we ought to stop doing it and the law should tell people what they can and can't do with respect to that. That's the issue. Unfortunately, the proponents in this case want to put a guise of the notification issue. One of the reasons that the rule suspension and the reconsideration is a mistake at this time is that this issue is untimely brought. The Supreme Court...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...is in the midst of a reexamination of Roe v. Wade. What state Legislatures, like ourselves, are empowered to do at this very moment is up for grabs. The court will be sending out directives and as far as I'm concerned we should wait to find out what those parameters are so we can address the real issue. The real issue is, does the law have a place in your bedroom, in your marriage in determining for you what to do with your pregnancies, intervening between parents and children, intervening between parents...rather young women and young fathers, intervening with single parents who have a number of kids and potential health risks, intervening in all of those and laying down simple, clear, moral messages like the proponents would like to do.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: I think the weighing is far more subtle and that the law is not the appropriate instrument. I oppose the reconsideration.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I, too, oppose the reconsideration. In fact, it almost infuriates me. This is the seventh day that we're going to chew away on this bill. As yet, I have not heard the proponents really give a real good excuse to have the bill. Senator Landis put it very well, we're not getting down to the heart of the bill, we're beating around the bush, brought to us by one particular organization with a paid lobbyist out here to present the bill to the body. The bill is premature. Let's let the higher