

that goes with sex selection. It's not sexual preference, it's sex selection.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR LABEDZ: So I'm asking you, who has principles on this floor, Senator Bernard-Stevens?

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please, followed by Senator McFarland and Senator Hefner.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, what's happening here really is delightful for me, because I often spend time talking to young white students and black students about how white people who write laws write them in pencil with a long eraser. And when it's convenient for them, they just erase them and disregard them. Now this Legislature put this rule, allowing the division of the question, in place. I'm shocked at Senator McFarland voting to suspend this rule. He knows that there is a procedure by which the rules are to be suspended. Everything I attempt to do on this floor is within the rules that I vote against every year. But there are people on this floor who, because of a specific issue, will put their system in tatters. And this is your system of rules, not mine, because I opposed it. But I still work within them. As far as Senator Labedz feeling that rights of the unborn, as she terms them, being taken away through a right for a woman to choose whether or not to have an abortion, there is a process by which we determine whether such a bill as hers will be passed. And she will want that process to be followed. She will want to be allowed, because the rules say so, to present a motion to suspend the rules, because she would fight and holler and say, but the rules allow it, the rules allow it. But you don't want to follow this rule that calls for a division of the question. And her anemic attempt to plead the case of the Speaker was pathetic. She said he correctly ruled, the first time, that the question is divisible. That ruling should have been given every time a member asked to have a question divided. But he saw a 33 vote majority, if that's what it was, she said it was, and it intimidated him and he abdicated his responsibility to rule in accord with the rules. If it was right the first time to rule that the question should be divided, it was right the second time the request was made. And we have people sitting around here pompous and self-righteous about their concern for the unborn, fine. We all believe in the rightness of our cause.