

vulnerable members of our society. The very women who need our protection and assistance will be the most endangered. I don't think there is any line on a reelection campaign brochure, nor do I think there is vindication of your own moral perspective that justifies putting others in that kind of danger. That's what 769 does. We should take time, we should think twice. We should not act perspicuously and we should not force our moral convictions onto others and placing them in physical danger which is what this bill does.

PRESIDENT: One minute. Senator Landis, may I ask you a question, please. I'm supposed to keep track of those who are for or against the bracketing motion at the moment. Are you for or against the bracketing motion?

SENATOR LANDIS: I am for the bracketing motion.

PRESIDENT: Okay, thank you. Senator Chambers, please, followed by Senator Schmit and Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I'm for the bracketing motion. Members of the Legislature I had made comments not only this morning, but from time to time about the degraded position that women are often placed in in this country so I think I'm going to read something from Justice Stevens which he wrote in the Webster case that everybody talks about, Webster v. Reproductive Health Services, that was decided in July of last year. Chief...I meant, Supreme Court Justice Stevens says or writes, My concern can best be explained by reference to the position on this issue that was endorsed by St. Thomas Aquinas and widely accepted by the leaders of the Roman Catholic Church for many years. The position is summarized in a report entitled "Catholic Teaching on Abortion" prepared by the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress. It states in part, "The disagreement over the status of the unformed as against the formed fetus was crucial for Christian teaching on the soul. It was widely held that the soul was not present until the formation of the fetus 40 or 80 days after conception for males and females respectively." My comment, the 40 days was how long it took for a male to become ensouled, 80 days for a female, which means she was not ensouled until 80 days whereas a male, 40 days. Back to the quote, "Thus abortion of the 'unformed' or 'inanimate' fetus (from anima soul) was something less than true homicide, rather a form of anticipatory or quasi homicide." This view received its definitive treatment in St. Thomas