

Aquinas and became for a time the dominant interpretation in the Latin church. "For Thomas, for St. Thomas as for medieval Christendom generally, there is a lapse of time, approximately 40 to 80 days after conception and before the soul's infusion. For St. Thomas "seed and what is not seed is determined by sensation and movement." What is destroyed in abortion of the unformed fetus is seed, not man. This distinction received its most careful analysis in St. Thomas. It was the general belief of Christendom reflected, for example, in the Council of Trent, 1545-1563, which restricted penalties for homicide to abortion of an animated fetus only. Now I went to Creighton which is a Jesuit school. I had more of Thomas Aquinas than I could stand, but his position based on the teachings of Aristotle were adopted by the church and became like doctrine. They were wrong then, there can be wrong again. It took them until just a few weeks ago to acknowledge they were wrong in putting Galileo on the rack and stretching him because he said the earth moves, took them that long. So no matter what moral or religious philosophy one of these attitudes is based on, that philosophy can be wrong. Rather than enact a law that cuts across the board in exactly the same way on every individual regardless of particular or specific circumstances, the Legislature should leave this matter alone. Let it stay where it properly should be, with the individual most intimately involved. What some of these silly laws in other states such as the one in Missouri that the Webster case was looking at will do is try to define conception and they define it in a way that the medical literature does not. They define conception as occurring when the sperm fertilized the egg, but in the medical literature, conception occurs when the fertilized egg is implanted in the uterus...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...which happens from six to eight days after the fertilization of the egg. They don't even pay attention to science, don't pay attention to medicine and want to impose these moral and religious views on others in opposition and contravention to what all medical science has revealed. That's the kind of issue we're dealing with, but it's not going to be discussed, not going to be addressed in a rational manner because you can look at the nature of 769 and see what it is we're dealing with. So I'm going to support any effort to bracket this bill or stop it and I shall do anything that I can think of that will achieve that purpose. It's bad, it's unfair,