

it's unjust, it's demeaning to women and it has that same old outmoded attitude that a male becomes a full human being quicker than a female because under laws like 769 a woman never achieves the status of being a full human being. Legislators make the most intimate decisions for those women and that should not be done and I'm going to oppose it in every way that I can, but I'm for the bracket motion.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please, followed by Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I neither have...I have not spoken very often on this issue, not last year, not this year. To speak about the issue here today is virtually a waste of time. We all know that. Senator Schimek is no doubt sincere in the motion that she has made, but it is not going to do any good, Senator Schimek. The issue will not be resolved by March 20th nor any time thereafter. You and I and 47 other members of this body know that there is no middle ground in this issue. Senator Landis discusses the issue and does so very eloquently as does Senator Chambers, but the issue here is whether or not a legislator has the right to have a bill which they have introduced and which they feel very seriously about voted upon by the body, voted upon at General File, voted upon at Select File and voted upon at Final Reading. There are some of us who are more skillful in the legislative process than others. I am not one of those who can use the process as well as others can, but I can see the process being used. There are those who for one reason or another allow the process to be used in a way which they do not approve of at various times and then again they do not allow it to be used that way. All of us know that in this body each of us has an issue which is more important to that individual than it is to someone else. Starting with Senator Abboud, concluding with Senator Withem, each of us has a bill which at some point in time we would like to have voted upon. The least experienced person on this floor can take the rule book and after several hours of studying can do what the most experienced person can do, perhaps not as ably, not as eloquently, can't quote scripture, the Bible, can't quote the classics, but can do that which has to be done. It's sort of like plowing a field. Some people can plow a field, looks completely clean. Others, looks a little rough, but when you're done the field is plowed. Same thing here. What I am saying here is this, that the Legislature is designed to function after certain rules. Senator Scotty Moore has proposed from time to