

this Legislature doesn't care. A lot of times you will read in the paper and people will discuss it about a young person who seemed to have everything in the world going for her, she is pretty, she's popular, she gets good grades, she does what her parents want, but nobody asked her what she wanted out of life. And when she winds up taking her life, everybody says, why would she do that? If I were her, I wouldn't have done it. But the fact is you are not her, and you're not in a position, nor am I, to dictate to that young woman what ought to be important to her, and say that because if I were in this set of circumstances, I would react a certain way, you being in those circumstances must react the way that I say I would. This bill is so arrogant. It is so unfair and it is such an attempt, blatant attempt, to impose a certain religious view on everybody that I must oppose it. Now I can't say that I am so strong morally that if I saw Galileo being stretched on the rack by the church because he said from his scientific investigation the earth moved around the sun, and not the other way around where, the earth being the center of everything because human beings exist on the earth, the sun moves around the earth and everything else is done based on the earth as the center. If I sat there and watched while they pulled the joints, pulled bones out of the joints, stretched tendons and ligaments, muscles, sheer physical torture by the church, why were they torturing Galileo? Because he set the fire that burned somebody to death who was alive, as the church itself did? No, Galileo had not burned anybody to death. Galileo had not endorsed burning anybody to death. All that Galileo said was that I have been a student of the universe. Galileo says, I believe in God. I believe God created everything. God created an orderly universe with laws and principles that govern the movement of the heavenly bodies, and from my study of that universe I can see and I can establish that the earth moves around the sun. And you know what the church said? True or false, right or wrong, that is not orthodox, say the earth does not move or be punished. And Galileo said, I cannot say that is true which I know to be false. I cannot say that which I know to be false is true. You have to do whatever the holy church feels it must do, and the church felt it must punish and torture that man till he denied the truth. He had to violate his conscience. He had to distort everything that he had been taught that life was about, that morality meant, and yield to a hardhearted group of vicious people who tortured a man to make him deny the truth. And Galileo took it as long as he could. And as they stretched him, he finally said, all right, you win, the earth does not move,