

to compel young women to go into those situations that we, during other moments, cry about because they are so unfair, so inhumane. They are so devastating that we want investigations of various state social welfare agencies to ask, why did you let it go on? The sheriff: Why didn't you file? And the prosecutors,...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...because we're so indignant.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, I believe, is excused. Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President, I would like to yield my time to Senator Bernard-Stevens.

PRESIDENT: All right. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Schimek. The analogy I wanted to make to the body was one of the...is one of the Roman empire in its declining stages and that part I'm not trying to make an analogy. I'm not saying that we're in the declining stage here. Obviously, we're not. But there were the old fashioned Roman games. Sometimes gladiators would be out there fighting each other literally to the death because each one knew that if they won, they would be treated so royally and they would have great feasts and they could have whatever they really desired as long as they came back again to fight. And, of course, the best one stayed around for still a limited time period before they, too, found someone who might have been a little better. And the analogy I would like to put is what we have here in the body now as far as where this Legislature is going. We have a gladiatorial fight. Both gladiators know in their own hearts that it is a fight to the death, and the Legislature, which is you, is looking as the crowd was in the coliseum and marveling at the debate or the tactics, whether it be in frustration or what have you, and talking about isn't that interesting what's happening. And then what you do, as the crowd did, they would say, bring them back again, let's watch this again. Let's watch these gladiators fight themselves to the death and when they can hardly move or hardly go any further we stop the games, let them rest, and you say, wasn't that great? Let's bring them back again. Stepping out of the position I'm in and trying to look at the situation from afar, I