

really has to work to obtain an unconstitutional result. I simply think it is in error. I would urge that the motion to return be defeated. Thank you.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. Senator Chambers.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, the reason I find language of the kind that Senator Nelson is trying to strike so abhorrent is that it doesn't just deal with abortion. It doesn't just deal with counseling relative to abortion. It deals with the issue of contraception, and that is a particular church's position. There is a guy named, I forget his name, but he is up in New York. He is an Archbishop or something. He has been talking lately about exorcisms that have been performed and has referred to various singing groups as satanic and they need to be exorcised, and he has been roundly criticized by officials in the church for being so loose with his lips in talking about exorcism and other matters, and he is one of those who says that regardless of how much teenage pregnancy and how much spread of AIDS there is, there should be no utilization of condoms and nobody should talk about that, and any program that talked about condoms or recommended their use should be condemned because they are immoral. I think that is Dark Ages stupidity. It shows a crass disregard for the welfare of children, young people, and others who need this information. And if these types of outfits feel that they can intimidate every public official into silence so that their backward policies will be imposed on everybody, then they have got another think coming if they feel that that applies to me. There are lobbyists paid to fight against the kind of information necessary to be given to young people being given, and they think, because they jump up and down and say we are going to play hardball and we control the Legislature, that they can do it? Well, they might control some people in here but they don't control me, and they can't control me. I think ignorance is one of the biggest diseases in this country. We can talk about AIDS. We can talk about cancer. But one of the greatest failings in this society is ignorance and those institutions that seek to foment ignorance and keep people mired in it so that they are more easily controlled. If you study history, the reason abortion has been condemned and objected to is because certain groups needed to increase their numbers for political and other reasons. Ceausescu in Romania had a target date for the population in Romania to reach a certain level and, therefore, he made abortion and anything related to it a crime.