

of hands, let's do our business and decide by majority vote. My conclusion on that score is this. The undeniable, irrefutable result of LB 769 is an increase in violence and an increase in abuse against young women, especially in dysfunctional families. There is not a word of contradiction to that claim anywhere in the Judiciary Committee reports or any place on this floor. The counter argument is that that is outweighed by the greater virtue of avoiding some abortions I assume, because, in fact, no one ever talks about that issue. I can understand why that concern particularly since the conception is that the fetus is a human life of as equal protectionable merit as someone who is living, I can see why that is pursued so single-mindedly and so argumentatively. I can see why Senator Labeledz fights as hard as she does for the amendment on LB 662 which seems to have the most tangential of relationships to that issue. But you're asking me to say it's all right if we get a show of hands to increase violence against young women. You're asking me to say I'll sit down and let you all outvote me to do a bill that will bring pain and suffering and physical abuse to some young women in this state. I should be civil, I should exert and measure protocol, I should return that kind of collegial familiarity and good will that we normally do and sit down and allow that to happen. This issue isn't like other issues. This isn't raising the deposit cap for a big bank by 1 percent or 2 percent. This isn't changing something from a misdemeanor to a felony. This isn't adding a human service or changing a budget level, or the kinds of things that you and I build up the normal personal relationships of good will for each other where we say, I'll take half a loaf, you take half a loaf, we'll settle this problem. We can't do that here. My guess is that the pro-life adherents say, any measure that saves a fetus has merit. I am protecting a life. I will not...I wouldn't...if there was a bill here that required 10 abortions,...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...not just allow them, but require them, I would expect you to fight in exactly the same way, exactly the same way because this state would be forcing that violence to occur, that act to occur. I would expect you to be incensed by that. Okay? This is the outcome of this bill. This is the outcome for me and what I see is that the personal ire of my colleagues and drawing the process to the straining point, as I know happens here, is a price that has to be paid for not allowing that violence to occur in by whatever means I have