

farmer. Such differing, back to the article, "Such differing views illustrate how difficult it will be for the Catholic bishops to come up with a consistent policy of dealing with the pro-choice politicians. If what is meted out in San Diego goes unpunished in Denver, how are the nation's 300 bishops to speak with one voice on the issue they described in their statement as 'an overriding concern' and the 'fundamental human-rights issue' of the day? Maher," and I am going to be through in about five seconds, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Chair, "Maher intended his bold, and, as yet, one-of-a-kind, punishment as an example to the faithful and a deterrent to 'erring' Catholic politicians. But in doing so, he may have forced other bishops to be more cautious in the way they handle the abortion resolution. At the same time, Maher's action is likely to stir residual anti-Catholic sentiment among American voters, who, opinion polls show, deeply resent the intrusion of sectarian religious beliefs into politics." End of article.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Landis, please, followed by Senator Morrissey and Senator Schimek.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, Senator Lamb made a forceful speech on the floor and raised some good questions and was trying to assess where blame should lie on this situation. And it is irrelevant where the blame lies. We are locked into this matter as a matter of two sets of conscience. I would, on the other hand, specifically like to ask Senator Lamb a question about the fate of LB 769 in this rationale, if I could.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: I am going to ask Senator Lamb a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: Yeah, I am asking Senator Lamb a question. Senator Lamb, in the event LB 769 is unconstitutional, the provisions of it are unconstitutional, why should we be dealing with it at this juncture?

SENATOR LAMB: Well, the basic question, of course, is, will the will of the majority prevail? And that is what is not happening this time. We take that chance on any bill.