

personally, and I happen to have been born Catholic. I am one of 15 kids. Obviously, my folks didn't use contraceptives. I am glad of that, as a matter of fact, but I also think that it is ridiculous when you look at the issue of education with regard to the abortion problem. I mean if we would educate kids so that they did not have to face the abortion issue, I guess, or they could at least make the choice as to whether or not they were going to take the risks or perform the acts that led to that decision having to be made, then I wouldn't feel so bad because I could say, hey, we gave them the education necessary to make good choices, good decisions. Right now I don't think we do that. We don't do a good job of it, and we are all guilty of that, all of us, on both sides of this issue. When you deal, as we do in a society that is universal in that the disease of AIDS is found one day in a country in Africa and it moves to the United States in less than five years, and has become the single most important issue with regard to health care in the world in under ten years, that is when I say that, I mean, it is nuts that we probably aren't giving condoms away. I mean they probably ought to be in a barrel outside of every high school and college and university in the country, not to mention every restaurant and bar and night club, and I think it is actually happening in some cases. You are not dealing with just an issue of someone's morals here. You are dealing with life and death issues on both sides of this issue, both sides of the spectrum. You are talking about issues that go beyond religious beliefs. And I mean I go to church, it doesn't bother me a bit. I don't care if anybody else does.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: I happen to think that it makes sense to deal with some of these issues on a very rational basis as opposed to some of the emotional ways that we have in the past. I would like to see us vote this up or down. Now if it takes two or three days, fine. If we don't get to it this session, that is fine, too. But that is how we do things here, and I don't feel bad about standing here, and I am going to continue to talk on this issue because I find it extremely important, and I think that it goes way beyond the issue of parental notification. It goes way beyond the issue of are you pro-life or pro-choice, because there is a lot of room in between, and I probably fall in between. I don't think that this is bad at all. I think, basically, what we do here is we find ourselves in a situation that we have got an issue that is rather unpalatable, period, at