

PRESIDENT: Oh, yeah, you have one minute left on the nine minutes you had.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you very much. During those seven months, my life was a living hell. I was constantly afraid that my father would find me. I was ashamed of the situation I was in. I felt totally helpless and alone. I was, in fact, trapped by the way I had been brought up. If an abortion had been legal, if it would have been discreet, I would have taken that option. I don't know if I would have been able to go through a court procedure to obtain one, however. I would like you to look around this room, to the microphones, the desks, the people here. You are familiar with this situation, but a teenager with limited resources, limited social skills and experience, to them this would be a nightmare. It is frightening to me even now. There is no way I could have had a confidential hearing in the Buffalo County Court House. To think about it, there is just no way it could have happened. I can't imagine asking my mother to bring me to Lincoln, to bring me to the court house for some period of time without having to involve her, and she would have been in danger if I had done that. It would have been very nice if all the families can talk about sex, if they could talk about relationships, talk about what being a real human being is. Maybe that is the way it should be. I wish that I had had that experience. I would have been in a very physical danger if my parents had known about my pregnancy. I carry scars on my body from living in my family as it is, and I am not an isolated case. The effect of this legislation will be a punishment for some of those most vulnerable members of our society. The very women who need our protection and our assistance the most will be in danger. No wonder I oppose the addition of LB 769 to 688. No wonder I want to reconsider actions that would permit us to continue to discuss this.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Hall and Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, I had made a comment and attributed it to Martin Luther, and I thought I had better get the article from which I derived it and put it in context and read it just the way Martin Luther stated it. And this article was written by William Edelen, E-d-e-l-e-n, and he is the minister of Community Congregational Church in McCall, Idaho, and his column appears on Saturdays in