

SENATOR LAMB: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: "He also discussed the practice of preabortion counseling for women with problem pregnancies. 'I believe we should, at a minimum, be consistent,' the governor said. Family planning centers can be required to provide women, either through counseling or referrals, information about all their options, including abortion and birth control." This is a practical politician telling the bishops to recognize practicality, stop trying to influence elections, stop trying to control legislative bodies and stop injecting the church into political activity. I had to get that in because I wanted to indicate that Governor Cuomo did have a response, that it was written, but I'm not sure that it was widely reported. And, based on what I read here, I don't think he has the least concern about going to hell, even if he believes there is such a place. And if he does believe there is a place, he might believe that those who are consigning him there will be there long before he does. Of course, as they say, Senator Lamb, one person's hell is another person's heaven.

SENATOR LAMB: Time, Senator. The next speaker will be Senator Baack, but first it's a privilege of the Speaker to introduce some guests of Senator Kristensen. Under the north balcony, Louis Dexter, Tamara Dexter, from Grand Island, would you folks please stand to be recognized. The Chair recognizes Senator Baack. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I happened to root out an article here from the World-Herald, dated February 5, 1990, and the headline is More Flee To Shelters From Home Violence, written by a youngster named Steve Thomas of the Omaha World-Herald, who occasionally spends his time with us here. Part of the article discusses a letter signed by Senator Crosby, Senator Arlene Nelson and Senator Tim Hall of Omaha, requesting aid or increased assistance for shelters for women and children who must flee from violence at their homes. So what Senator Landis pointed out about the very real prospect of some of these young girls facing violence, should they notify a parent or both parents of the fact that she is pregnant, that is a real likelihood. And the article says, "The program director of The Shelter in Omaha said expanded services are now available to women and children who are victims of domestic violence." Then after mentioning