

SENATOR WEIHING: ...wealthy part of the world. So we have to look at it, and when we start making laws, we become very definitive, very absolute. Life is not absolute. Life on earth here is not absolute and our laws cannot be so definitive and absolute that we cannot have the flexibility to do as should be done in the specific case. I thank you. I simply cannot go forward where we have absolutely no flexibility in handling the situation that will come onto earth.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Baack, please. Senator Baack. Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Chambers has so much energy today and is enjoying this so much that he wants some of my time and he knows darn well that if I get going on my five minutes, that I will never have any time left. So I'm going to yield time in the beginning to you, and if there is any time left over, I will take it or I will punch my light again if I need to. I yield my time at this point to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And, Senator Bernard-Stevens, I would suggest that you punch your light. Members of the Legislature...oh, I'm glad Senator Crosby is here because there is a subject that she touched on that is troubling to me whenever I read about it in history or today and that's the way female children are treated. I think there is a different reason why female babies are not as desirable today as male babies as opposed to the way it was in the early days. I think there are women who actually don't want to bring a girl child into the world because she knows the terrible plight that she will face once she comes into this society. The mother, herself, knows what has happened to her, so to cause an innocent, helpless infant to come into this cruel world and face things that the mother cannot protect her from, in some cases not even help her cope with once she has been subjected to them, is more than what some women can stand. And these women also will hear men talk about how they want a son, they want somebody to carry on their name, to carry on their tradition, whatever it is. And there is very little in history or in contemporary writings or thought that would elevate the woman to the position she is entitled to hold. I think, biologically, females are stronger than males. In this society they live longer if they don't start doing the foolish things that males do that unnaturally shorten their life-span. But, Senator Crosby,