

people who professed so much love for this when it was a fetus will not have that love and concern when she becomes a full-fledged female human being. She will be degraded, demeaned, sexually abused and forced, if she is impregnated through sexual abuse, whether incest or rape, to carry to term the pregnancy and another baby girl child is born into the world to replicate that same terrible experience over and over and over in the midst of a society pretending so much concern and love. But the love stops as soon as the birth occurs. It doesn't cost society anything to say, make this woman go through and suffer that hell, but it makes the person who insists on it feel very self-righteous and superior. And many times cruel statements such as the following, she shouldn't have gotten pregnant, it serves her right, which indicates that pregnancy is a punishment, child birth is a punishment. These things are insisted on to "fix" the woman who was unfortunate enough to find herself in that set of circumstances and I do not subscribe to that attitude. People, for whatever reason, can say until they're blue in the face that abortion is a sin but they will never get me, as long as I have a vote, to vote that it is a crime, I will not do to those who are oppressed...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...this greatest of all injustices. Senator Crosby has been quoting from the scriptures a bit today. But there was a time, and I'm sure she will remember the passages, I remember the incident, Senator Crosby, from experience, when Job during the Old Testament days was being tested by God and his buddies said, if you weren't so wicked, that's what Reagan said, you wouldn't have these terrible things happening to you. And Job said, I didn't do anything wrong, I don't know why this is happening. But if your foot was about to slip, as mine is, I wouldn't come heaping this stuff on you like you're doing me, I would try to console and comfort you. My job is to console and comfort and not say, who did sin, this woman or her mother? My job is not to punish sin. My job is not to separate the wheat from the chaff. My job is help bring comfort and solace to those who need it and the healthy have no need of the physician. My job is to speak for those who have no voice and give hope to those who are hopeless. I'm opposed to the things we've been doing on these bills but I'm encouraged by some of the discussion that has taken place within the last hour or so.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time. Thank you. Senator Morrissey, please.