

and the state level, there has been so much discomfort with the state killing its citizens that all kinds of contrivances have put into the law either through the Legislature's being ordered by the Supreme Court to do so or through Supreme Court decisions that indicate that individual people who are charged with an offense that can result in the state taking their life must be treated on an individual basis. There has to be a review of the specific factors involved in the crime this individual stands accused of and because of that individual treatment there is an attempt to create the impression that the law which is going to take the life of the citizens has not reduced everybody to one common, unhuman level. When the Legislature of any state or the federal government, if it should become so heartless and misguided, whenever a law is enacted that treats every woman's situation the same, that law is unjust on its face. The ones who support it and say they have so much concern for the unborn because each one is a unique individual, how can they turn around and treat every situation as exactly the 'same? That which is unique, means it's one of a kind. It's like unit or singular or one, but then all of these differences, all of the multitude of different circumstances facing these different women will be reduced to one level, one rule that may not fit any case properly will be imposed on every woman and I think that is unfair, and we do women an injustice by creating the impression that they casually make the decision to have an abortion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The fact that some who are opposed to abortion under any circumstances will say that there are women who had abortions and afterward had psychological trauma indicates that they know women think about this. And it is unfair and unjust on their part to imply that a woman does not think about it before she has one and that the state has to establish in the law a meaningless 24-hour period. All that can do is increase the period of her psychological torture by 24 hours and that to me is not the way we show compassion. It is not the way that we're going to reduce the number of abortions or address the problems that would lead to a woman being in that situation of an unwanted pregnancy or having an attitude that an abortion is better than childbirth. These simplistic...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.