

said she has no doubt that the legislation reflects the majority view of Guamanians, 90 percent of whom are Catholic. Abortion-rights advocates said pressure from the Roman Catholic Church had brought about the unanimous vote in the Legislature." And up in the article it mentions the shock on the part of the Governor who signed the bill, that there was so much immediate and angry political fallout. So when we get on the hobbyhorse that is contrived for us by special interest groups and put our mind into a state of suspended animation, let ourselves become puppets, dancing at the bottom of the strings of people who don't have the interests of all the people at heart, we become the tools and instrumentalities for oppression and the group being oppressed is pregnant women. There are men who will have sexual relationships with a woman, and when she is pregnant, he immediately begins to see her as not attractive. He may talk about how misshapen she is. He'll indicate that he sees other women other places who are more attractive and then he'll begin to stray. These are realities that a lot of women face and we don't even talk about them. So again, this woman left in that situation, who thought that she was dealing with a man who cared about her, who had been made to think that the sex was for the purpose of producing a child that both of them would nurture and care about, that the creation of a child would draw them closer together, to her shock and amazement when she winds up being pregnant, she finds she was dealing with a rat, a toothless, sniveling, unconscionable rat...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and he runs off and leaves her. If they're not married, the first thing he'll tell her is it's not mine. Realization comes crashing home. She decides that she can't take this, she doesn't want to carry the pregnancy to term and she wants to have an abortion. Thanks to a Legislature such as this or the one in Guam, she runs into another wall, and being in a state of confusion and despair, it seems that life is just too heavy to be borne and maybe she'll kill herself. Maybe she'll try to give herself an abortion and the society that pretended so much concern for her welfare will say, well, that's too bad, she shouldn't have done that. That's the kind of thing we're discussing without talking about it when we consider bills such as LB 769 whose only purpose is to burden a woman's decision to have an abortion, to make it as difficult as possible...