

could set up LB 769 so it would not discriminate against poor people, minorities, the people who have the majority of the abortions, if you could set that bill up so it would not focus the weight of any abortion amendment that I have seen here, it focuses all the weight on the back of those same people, the poor, the uneducated, the minorities, if you could fix LB 769 so it wouldn't discriminate against these people, then I could accept it. A lot of people in my district say, well, parental notification, gee, you should be for that. Until I sit down and start talking to them about it and they realize there is discrimination out there. Different types of people in different situations, but it does discriminate. We have discrimination in southeast Nebraska. It is coming to a head now with our burgeoning Laotian community. So even though we lot of times tout the good life down there, there are some bad things. There are some bad aspects every where you go, and I just can't see how you can amend this bill or any other bill that is designed to put a roadblock in front of people's making a free choice on this issue. I cannot see how you can design it so it won't discriminate against these people. They have, historically, always been discriminated against and it seems as though the way the country is moving, they always will be. Maybe sometime far, far into the future, we will be able to accept that fact that, yes, everyone doesn't have equal access to all the systems. Everyone doesn't have an equal opportunity to achieve the American dream. Go out and work hard, get rich, buy a house, and on and on. It is nice, it is nice to believe that. Some people do achieve it but all people don't, and if you could offer me some amendments that would cause LB 769 to be a fair and equitable bill that would not discriminate and further put the burden on the people that are already carrying a burden in this society, sure, then I could support it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: But I would have to see those amendments and I would have to see them, and if they cost a little money, I would have to be assured that we are not afraid to spend the money, spend the money it takes to hopefully be, as I said earlier, proactive on these issues, address the problems from the start, prevent the problems, and it goes on spending the money, addresses, touches so many other things other than abortion. It touches drugs, crimes, and on and on. If you can offer that type of amendment and guarantee me no discrimination, then I will support LB 769.