

can be signed, the doctor has to tell her about the physiological and anatomical characteristics of the fetus, but what do they mean by characteristics? Do they want a description? By saying, anatomical, that is probably it, and I do have some amendments for that, because with what they have been saying that a fetus is, I am going to add to that "anatomical, physiological and psychological characteristics" to show how this thing has been pushed to the point of being ridiculous. How much is it going to benefit a young woman to be told that a human being has so many bones, so many muscles, one head, two eyes, two ears, if everything is normal, and so forth? And that is supposed to help her make a decision. No, it is designed to make it as difficult as possible. It would be like requiring somebody who is going to the dentist to undergo an unpleasant procedure to be shown by the dentist every tool that is going to be used, every chisel, every ice pick, every screwdriver, every hammer, every drill and bit, and then expect that person to sit there and have dental work done. We know what kinds of things can be done to affect a person psychologically and impair their willingness or ability to go through with something that is unpleasant. Did you say something, Mr. Speaker?

PRESIDENT: No, I didn't.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, okay. So what these kinds of proposals are designed to do, and if those who have offered these bills would tell the truth, is to make the decision to have an abortion as difficult as possible, to cause as much pain and suffering of a psychological nature to the young woman as possible, all in the name of purported love, compassion, and concern. That is what makes this whole thing so bizarre. Under the guise of showing interest and humanity,...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...these laws are requiring that which is inhumane, unjust, and unconscionable. If a member of this Legislature had a relative facing a serious surgical procedure, that member would be outraged if the hospital said, well, we have got to tell you things that are designed to frighten you out of having this procedure. That is not something designed to inform the person in the sense of giving them useful information that would help them make an intelligent, knowing choice as to whether to go through with something or not. The wise, knowing,