

from General, across Select, and on through Final Reading without any debate or amendments, I didn't whimper and run to the press crying about how unfair that is, or an attempt by the supporters of that tactic to stifle debate. It's a situation where after the way those of us... Let me speak for myself. After the way I used everything within the rules to oppose LB 769, it would seem very, very hollow for me to stand up and say when somebody else is going to use the rules to advance their cause that somehow theirs is not appropriate. If I had gotten outfoxed, I'd have to admit that I should have been more alert. But I couldn't fault those people for using the rules. In this instance I'm curious to see what it is they're going to work out and how they're going to work it out, and how they think whatever it is is going to help us get out of here before midnight. It's now five-fifty, the countdown is underway. Last time I talked about it we had 7 hours and 53 minutes to go. Now, there are only six hours and nine minutes. We're making progress. Six hours and nine minutes to go. When you're in a marathon they talk about hitting the wall, another point where the bear and the refrigerator are on your back, you feel like you can't go on, you feel all hope is gone,...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...but that is not the case with me. I haven't hit the wall yet. I don't even see the bear off in the distance, or the refrigerator. But what I do see is the finish line approaching. And I feel inspired to continue what I set out to do, and that is to oppose this legislation which I feel is unfair. If I did not feel it was as unfair as I think it is, I would not be doing what I'm doing. But I think it's taking from a group of people, who have no way to defend themselves, an essential right, that the government, if it's going to do anything, ought to be protecting rather than taking away. And a recent study announced by Iowa University indicated that the vast majority of people in what they call the Midlands, in fact, 60 something percent not only favor a woman's right to have an abortion, but feel that the conditions under which she gets one ought to be loosened so that she can get it more easily.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Ashford, please.

SENATOR ASHFORD: (Response inaudible.)

PRESIDENT: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I