

perspective from what I can tell, nor do the majority of the constituents of my district support that notion from what I can tell. I offer this amendment to make sure that we understand what we're about. And for me to secure the policy goal, which I have in mind, and that is to leave us in a Roe v. Wade situation in this state; to have us leave this session with no greater or no less restriction on the right to choose an abortion as a legitimate surgical and medical operation, if a woman should wish to do so. My belief stems from the idea that this process, this procedure has a number of dimensions, certainly one of them moral, but that the law is far too much of the blunt instrument rather than the careful calibrated scales in which the weighing of this kind of decision can be made. I believe that there is a supreme judgment, I believe that supreme judgment will be applied to each and every one of us, including myself, including to a woman who would pay for and secure an abortion. But to the extent that there is to be a judgment here, let it be in the infinite wisdom of divine providence rather than the matter for political decision making,...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...for compromise, for loose definitions, and for decisions based on campaign rhetoric, and vote counts, and voting records and the like. This decision is so multifaceted and so personal that the law's ability to weigh the various values and virtues is too blunt, it is too insensitive. And for that reason the law does not or should not have the final say in making this decision. It is something for which legislative standards are too brutal and uncaring and simplistic to draw the kind of fine-tuned and careful moral, ethical, medical and legal judgments that should be made. Ultimately I'm prepared to allow that to occur between the wife...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...or the mother and her loved ones and the physician. I urge you to adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The question is, shall the bill be returned for an amendment? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

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