

loss, to starvation, to dehydration and electrolyte imbalance. It is also possible that during pregnancy that you have the risk of tumors of the placenta, which can become malignant. Cardiovascular disease is also possible, since the strain on the heart, particularly in childbirth, is so great. Normal pregnancies require a 25 percent increase in the output of the heart, a 40 to 50 percent increase in plasma volume, an increase in oxygen requirements, a retention of water and salt and weight gain. The physical stress of pregnancy and childbirth can be more than the heart can take. In fact the calculations for special tabulations from the disease for...the Center for Disease Control, rather, reveal that giving birth was...were 11 times more likely to die than a woman having an abortion, rather. Now, the statistics vary depending on which source you use. For example, that's the Center for Disease Control and their analysis of a sample population. Williams Obstetrics, perhaps the most famous magazine and medical journal in the field, says the number really should be twice that, or 22. Statistics from our own State Department of Health in Nebraska reveal that 30 women,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...per 100,000 women in Nebraska, die from pregnancy and childbirth, although there are no known deaths for abortion in Nebraska. These health benefits are important, they are one of the factors to be considered. Who can weigh and measure this risk, this medical threat, the law? I think not. This Legislature? No, our calculations are far too simplistic to be able to take this into account. Is it not for the woman to decide between which of these risks she'll undergo. Since 1973, women have been obtaining abortions earlier, as I said, than before when abortions were illegal. The risks are much less today because of that phenomenon. And it has had a profound effect on American families,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...couples....Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schimek. Excuse me, we have a priority motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lamb would move to adjourn until Monday morning at nine o'clock, a.m.