

SENATOR NELSON: I think that is one of the smartest motions given yet but I will give the rest of my...because I don't think we're going to gain anything, I don't think we'll get one bit further than we are right now, and gives us time to find out what a few decisions are over the summer and I will give Senator Chambers the rest of my time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, in trying to make sure that there are some things of substance in the record, I am going to read from another article, this from the Omaha World-Herald, November 1, 1989. Not the source, Senator Hall, that's not the substance, the article, the contents of the article. And you will see what I mean as soon as I read the headline. Some GOP Women Breaking Ranks. Then a subhead, They Argue Case For Abortion Rights. This is lifted from the New York Times. This is the article. While President Bush and his advisors reiterate their commitment to movement to restrict abortion rights, some of the most influential women in their party have publicly broken ranks and are arguing the case for abortion rights. In the current House debate over the issue, some of the most impassioned voices for abortion rights have been those of Republican women. Bush and three-fourths of the Republican men in the House stood firm last week in opposition to federal financing of abortions for poor women who are victims of rape or incest. But eight of the 12 Republican women in the House were on the other side, the same ratio as among Democratic Congresswomen. And some of the eight say they see new opportunities to move their party away from the implacable opposition to abortion that has marked official Republican doctrine since 1980. Moving the Republican Party as a party from that implacable position, and these are my words, is a job for superman. And superman is not real. Back to the article. After nine years as dissidents, years of watching party platform fights waged and lost on abortion rights, they see a chance that history is turning their way since the Supreme Court decision in July reopened the political struggle over abortion. "I've talked to a number of Republican women nationally who have been frustrated by the position of the Republican Party, and they've said, 'What can we do to change it?'" said Rep. Olympia J. Snowe, with an "e" at the end, of Maine. Abortion rights advocates say the Republican women in the House will play a crucial role in any shift in the party's position. 'I really