

see them as the standard-bearers for returning their party to a more rational position,' said Kate Michelman, M-i-c-h-e-l-m-a-n, head of the National Abortion Rights Action League. The politics are tricky. The forces in the Republican Party opposing abortion rights are digging in and have the president solidly on their side. Bush, who has vetoed two spending bills in the past week over the abortion issue, is drawing intense fire from the Democrats. 'It's hard because you don't like to go against your president on an issue as emotional as this,' Representative Marge Roukema, R-o-u-k-e-m-a, Republican, New Jersey, said. Still she, like several other Republican women, gave a tough speech urging the House to override Bush's veto of legislation allowing federal financing of Medicaid abortions in cases of rape and incest. Describing Bush as a man of 'great moral character,' Representative Roukema asked, 'How could such a leader make such a harsh choice?' Then she joined seven other Republican women who voted to override...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the veto. Representatives Nancy L. Johnson of Connecticut, Lynn Martin of Illinois, Jan Meyers of Kansas, Constance A. Morela, M-o-r-e-l-a, of Maryland, Patricia Saiki, S-a-i-k-i, of Hawaii, Claudine Schneider, S-c-h-n-e-i-d-e-r, of Rhode Island, and Representative Snowe. And I will continue this when I have another chance to speak.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President, and members of the body, I would move...or I would rise to support the bracket motion and I would like to talk just a little bit further about the subject that I talked about earlier regarding the court bypass procedure. And looking at the Minnesota example again, where we have the most information from on this kind of procedure. Public defenders, guardians ad litem, clinic personnel and judges, themselves, testified in the Hodgson trial that going to court was a frightening, traumatic experience for the young women they saw. Hardly any of these teenagers had ever been to court before. How many of us have ever been to court before? And did not understand why they had to go to court in order to obtain a safe, legal and desired medical procedure. Obtaining an abortion is so important to minors that even the small chance of denial is extremely frightening for them. Minors in Minnesota did not know what to expect at court. To these...they