

alternative. At one swoop, Judge Campbell seemed to assert the constitutionality of abortion, a woman's right to make such a choice and equal protection under the law for those seeking advice and counsel on this subject. While the First Circuit was hammering a firm...the judicial pins for allowing abortion half a continent away, the State Legislature in Idaho was putting in place a statute that all but outlaws abortion. This law, considered the toughest antiabortion measure in the land, disallows abortion except in cases of rape, incest, severe fetal deformity or threats to the physical health of the woman. It puts the legal burden of compliance over on medical doctors and not on the pregnant woman. The Idaho law will doubtlessly face numerous challenges. It's backers say they would welcome a Supreme Court test as a direct challenge to Roe, concerned...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ...that the high court is not prone to overturn legislative enactments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Schimek.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, did you hear that young upstart take me to task as a quitter? Senator Hall, let me explain why I had to do what I did. We're strategizing, not chess, just checkers. What Senator Landis was going to do was throw in the towel and try to withdraw the amendment to which my name had been attached so that some deal or other that had been cut could change what we're trying to do. To short-circuit that, it became necessary for me to start a series of motions which I can carry on from now until eternity. But I only have to do it for the rest of this day because I can start all over again the next legislative day, which would be 12:01 a.m. Now if some people think that we could go to 12:01 and not call that another legislative day, they are reckoning without having read court decisions. There was a Legislature and they were running out of time and what had been done was to take a ladder to try to stop the clock in the Chamber from going beyond twelve o'clock. They couldn't get the ladder up because the other side started fighting and grappling and one individual who was part way up the ladder fell down and almost broke his crown, but, at any rate, nobody was able to go up the ladder so the senators, departing with all decorum, started throwing projectiles at the clock and one struck the clock, broke the mechanism and it did not work. And they felt, by stopping the clock, the legislative