

hours have elapsed from the time the woman signed the statement of informed consent. So it's two fairly simple requirements, one added to the list of requirements about what has...what information has to be provided to the person considering abortion, and the second one, that before the abortion be performed there has to be a 24 hour waiting period. Now, in my view there ought to be other limitations upon abortion procedures, because I think abortion has been abused and has been so freely accessible that there are many persons who obtain abortions who regret it later, but they cannot take back what has already been given. And when the abortion has been performed there is no corrective procedure. This...Women could...women who are pregnant and who are seeking an abortion could still get an abortion, under this bill of course. The only requirements would be that they be required to be...to look at and review the information provided about the stage of the fetus, and that they be required to wait 24 hours. That's a fairly modest change. And I think on bills like this, and I've seen so many surveys done, if you're talking about a middle ground I think the informed consent, 24-hour waiting provision when there have been surveys done the surveys have generally shown that 60, 70 percent of the people generally respond that that limitation is not so burdensome that they would not support it. And, as a matter of fact, I think when surveys have been done on this type of abortion limitation, the majority of the people do support it, I think which evidences it is somewhat of a middle ground.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR McFARLAND: And I think we need to keep that in mind when we look at the bill. That is the reason I would oppose the bracket motion. I don't think we need to debate or amend the bill. It is fairly straightforward. Certainly you can express your philosophy on the bill. But I don't think there is a need for an extended debate, and I hope that there isn't one. My suspicion is that there will be many, many procedural rules to try to do that. And I hope that the body will be aware of that, I hope that the Chair will be aware of it, and hope that we debate this fully and fairly. But when the tactics are going to be used, if they are used, to just delay the bill until after midnight, I think those tactics should not be approved. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Labeledz, please.