

available for prevention of future unintended pregnancies. That means they're going to tell them how to avoid them. And contraception is the way to avoid it, or abstinence, which we know is unrealistic. So it's difficult to see how those kinds of amendments that had been offered before are consistent with the language in this bill. And those who push for those amendments against contraception say they're for the language in 354. And they say that their concern is for what they term is the unborn. Some of them go so far as to say they're concerned about the women, and they say that's why they want the 24-hour waiting period, because they're concerned about the woman. But the reason a woman wants an abortion is because the pregnancy is not wanted. She doesn't want to carry it to term. The best thing to do, and we wouldn't have a problem with abortion, is to avoid those pregnancies that are not wanted, avoid those pregnancies that are unintended. But whenever a proposal has come before this body which did not specifically require information about contraception, whether condoms, IUD's, or whatever, there have been attempts to put language that would specifically prohibit such information. We know that this bill, like all of the other restrictive abortion bills, are not designed to benefit the woman who is the primary individual affected. That is clear. When you listen to the statements of people who call themselves pro-life, you can hear this underlying bitterness against women. When women are in that unfortunate position of wanting to obtain an abortion, and they go to a clinic where it will be performed, these nice people, as they call themselves, will crowd around and block the entryway. They'll scream at this woman. They'll do everything they can to make it as unpleasant for her as possible. They probably wish they could induce a miscarriage. Then they'd say that serves you right. But it's hard to reconcile that kind of cruel, inhumane, viciousness with a genuine concern for the welfare and health of the woman. I've seen some of these things depicted on television, and the woman does have that frightened look. They described it in Dan Quail as the deer in the headlights. The eyes are wide and staring. There is, in the expression, what we recognize as fear, bewilderment, confusion, being lost, because here are people who are not a part of her family, cannot number themselves among her friends, are not even acquaintances out there shrieking and screaming like banshee's...

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