

consequence of 854. I think we have to have faith in these people that they have sat down and thought about the pros and the cons of the decision that they're about to make and not say, as a government, we know you've thought about this long and hard, but we want you to sit down and think about it just one more time. And, if the intent of 854 was simply for information, it wouldn't bother me quite so much. But I know what the intent of 854 is, it's just simply another hurdle. We insist on putting these hurdles up in front of these people in these stressful situations. We don't trust your decision, we want you to think about it again. Simply to delay, simply to put, as I said, another hurdle in these folks' decision. I guess, if I really thought 854 would do any good, maybe I could support it. I know I'd have a lot of my constituents that wouldn't agree; that say the government shouldn't be in this issue at all; that it's strictly a moral choice, and that women are very capable of making these moral decisions. But the way things have gone and the way other issues have gone in this debate, other comments that have been made, comments that have been made to me as I spoke of the letters I've received from the district, I realize it's simply not a concern to have informed information given to these women. The concern is simply to prohibit and delay and do anything, anything possible to prevent abortions. And I want to do anything possible to prevent unwanted pregnancies and I'm willing to back it up with money and funding, but I simply don't get the feeling that some of my...

SENATOR WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...colleagues and constituents are willing to do that. And I...The whole issue boils down to what I read, that former Surgeon General Koop said, we're never going to change each other's minds, we're never going to change each other's hearts; we need to put all this energy, all the effort that is being put into this divisive debate now into preventing the unwanted pregnancies, for that's the only way you'll reduce the number of abortions. And I totally agree with him. Thank you.

SENATOR WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support the bracket motion and I'm going to speak about why I'm supporting the bracket motion and not about the bill