

themselves and ask what is fair in these circumstances and make the rulings accordingly. Now some statements were made about people who are opposed to this bill, the pro-life people or the pro-choice people, also some statements were made about pro-life people and we can get in a debate where we try to vilify one side or the other. I don't know that that serves any particular purpose. Certainly extreme actions have been...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR McFARLAND: ...taken on both sides. And I could cite to you the number of stories and firsthand accounts of how abortionists have went in and performed abortions on young women who didn't know, didn't realize what would be entailed, statistics where women who went to the abortionists ended up being sterilized, they didn't have their...not purposely sterilized but the abortion caused a malfunction so they couldn't have any more children. I can cite you stories of women who went to abortionists and have died during the operation, during the surgical procedure and I don't know if that accomplishes much. The real purpose of this bill is to try and give some consideration so that we don't have the women that come to me and I think have written letters to many of you who come and say, I wish I wouldn't have had the abortion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR McFARLAND: I wish I would have thought more. I wish I have have taken a second look at it and had a 24-hour wait period to reconsider.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, that decision, Roe v. Wade, that recognized the right of a woman to determine whether or not she would carry her pregnancy to term, was grounded in the due process clause of the United States Constitution. That right to privacy was recognized by the Supreme Court, as one judge said, so that a woman could make that decision without the coercive brooding influence of the state. Coercive, that's the key word and that is what this bill is designed to be, a perpetuation of that coercive power of the state to intrude into the most personal, intimate area of a woman's life. That is something which ought not to be done by the state but because there are interests which have been able