

to influence not only state Legislatures, members of the national Congress but even members of the Supreme Court, it becomes even more important and essential for those of us who believe in civil liberties, who believe in the right to privacy to speak against and stand against these kinds of activities. Once a government is allowed to disregard the most intimate private areas of a person's life, it's not too long a step to go into other areas and some people paint themselves into a corner by saying, yes, the court and the government, whether it be law enforcement or the Legislature, has the right to intrude itself into people's bedrooms, into their private practices, and if that is agreed to because they took the first step, then another step is taken. If you're not secure in your own bedroom, then you certainly need not expect your papers and your personal effects to be secure. Papers and property don't have as much right to protection as the integrity of your own person. If the government is going to take away your right to make decisions about your own person, then certainly it's going to take away your right to be secure in your property. If you leave your home, which is supposed to be your castle, they will be able to stop you on the street, interrogate you, compel you to produce identification, explain why you're in a neighborhood inhabited by people of a different complexion. These things I'm not speculating about, they're actually beginning to happen. And because some groups have taken the position they have on abortion and others on fighting the so-called war on drugs, many civil liberties are being sacrificed and those groups whose positions make it possible feel that they would appear inconsistent if they spoke against any governmental intrusions because if they spoke against a government intrusion in an area not as intimate as that...as the decision to make an abortion, the question will be put to them, why then if doing the lesser thing is to be condemned, why not the greater? So they have to sit mute in order to appear consistent. But there is a comment that was quoted in the Webster decision by Justice Blackman and this is a profound statement to me. "As we recently reaffirmed in the Thornburgh v. American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists," and then they give the citation, it was a 1986 case, "few decisions are more basic to individual dignity and autonomy or more appropriate to that certain private sphere of individual liberty..."

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that the Constitution reserves from the