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intrusive reach of government than the right to make the uniquely personal, intimate and self-defining decision whether to end a pregnancy." It is this general principle, the moral fact that a person belongs to himself and not others, nor to society as a whole. Women belong to themselves. The government does not accept that. Representatives of the government do not accept it. If they kept it a matter of opinion, that's fine, but when they translate it into intrusive, coercive, harmful action, then something has to be done to withstand it. And when I get to speak again I'm going to show you where former Surgeon General Koop deliberately withheld and misrepresented information about the relative danger of child birth to abortion simply because he is an avid or even rabid anti-abortionist.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: To my way of counting, we have had myself, I believe Senator Chambers, in fact, I think I spoke in the beginning of the reconsideration, we have had one speaker, then Senator McFarland spoke and I believe that is it. I would say that we have not had even an adequate amount of debate at this particular time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: That's accurate, Senator. In light of the previous discussion on your earlier motion, which consisted of eight people, in my view, there has been adequate discussion.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That's fine. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question is, shall debate cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Shall debate cease? Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: I'll ask for a call of the house, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Shall the house go under call? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The house is under call. Members, please