

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I'm going...I said...I think I said earlier, Mr. Speaker, that I wasn't going to vote against you anymore, but I am. I'm going to vote to overrule the Chair if we ever get to that tonight, because I have listened to both sides on this rules discussion and again I come to the point where, you see, of course, we started out supposedly talking about LB 854, the 24-hour waiting period bill, and we end up talking about the rules. And the people who bring those bracket motions and so on say, you people all want to talk about the rules, you won't let us talk about the bill. Well, come on, you all want to talk about the rules, and you're good at it. Boy, I'll tell you, you are good at it. Senator Chambers, you normally don't have anything good to say about a judge and here you are defending Harry Blackman who I think is...has a tired mind and he was the third in line of a lackluster group. Right, Senator Ashford, when he was on the list to be chosen as Supreme Court judge? They finally got down to Harry Blackman and the Congress went ahead and appointed him and then he wrote that terrible, convoluted opinion, Roe v. Wade. A tired mind and his mind is still tired. But one thing, I was really happy a little while ago because when Senator Lindsay said something about not being an expert on perversions everybody smiled, because up to there everybody was sort of looking, you know, we don't want to look at each other when we start talking about this issue because we're mad at each other, aren't we? We're angry. No, we're not. We are all adult people here, I will say again, who want to do the right thing and it is very difficult to do that because of our beliefs about whether life begins at conception or not and whether or not a woman has a choice, which, of course, I feel that the child, the little being, overcomes that right; that she has to think about that little being. So there's where we end up in this, and so we decide to talk about the rules because that's sort of neutral ground. So one thing, I want to say one more thing and then I'm going to give the rest of my time to someone that I promised I would. Another thing that was said was that abortion is safer than having a baby. Well, I had a miscarriage. I don't want to have a miscarriage or an abortion. Having the baby was a lot better for me and it was a lot happier situation. But one thing I would like to say about that, it certainly is not safe for the baby. And, normally, abortions are not performed until the baby is far enough along as to where there is a definite being there, with all the characteristics and so on. So, with that, I'll stop talking and give the rest of my time, however much there