

has and I haven't had an opportunity to speak on this and so I'd like an opportunity to talk about it. There have been a lot of interesting statements made tonight about where we are and why we're here and why we're in this spot, and I would suggest to you that the reason we are here is because there was a motion filed that absolutely, the word pervert comes to mind since it's been used before, perverts the process. The bill wasn't debated on the first round. There have been statements made that if the majority were heard we'd be moving on on this, but I guess I don't know that my district is particularly representative, but I don't think it's that much different than anybody else's. I'll bet if the majority of the people in this state were heard right now, that we'd be on something else entirely, we would be on something else entirely. This would not be dominating this session, this would not be dominating this evening because I recall conversations that I've had with my constituents over and over again who have admitted on both sides that there isn't any middle ground, that there isn't any compromise and that it is foolish of us to come down here and try to do the impossible. In fact, I think there's sort of an omnipotence being expressed by the body here somehow believing that we can do the impossible and we can't. And so I think it's really let this body deteriorate to a state of anarchy and it's just come down to who can win--can I win, or can you win, or can somebody else win--and I have been voting tonight not only because of my pro-choice convictions, but more that I'm very concerned about the state of the process and what we've said about our own process and our own rules. There have been comments made tonight about, well, if we would do X or Y we would regain respect and we'd regain the collegiality in the body, and I think we all know that that isn't the case. There have been statements made that the purpose of the rules is to allow fair and reasonable debate and yet they have been manipulated by both sides to the point where they are hardly recognizable. It's awfully hard to even figure out where we are. You've got to keep a tally sheet back here to figure out what we're overruling and which question we're on, and I'm not saying this as criticism of the people who have made the motions. I think it's a natural reaction to the heavy-handed motions that were made on the other side and the minority, in this body at least, doesn't seem to have any alternative other than to take that direction. But as long as we're on the subject of this, I guess I would say that I have, in fact, read this bill and it raises some fascinating issues in my mind. There are...a point that Senator Chambers made that I'd agree with him because I'm still a little