

you're on the other side, there are responsible and concerned people on both sides of the issue and there are people who are legitimately concerned and really feel ambivalent about the issue. One of the things I think has been stated over and over again is about a woman's...deliberates and makes the choice and we should not, in any way, require some kind of waiting period or notice. I'd like...I don't know how some of the people are talking on this floor, particularly the men, because I...we have never been confronted with having to go through that choice process and I don't think any of us have ever had an abortion. I don't know how we speak with authority on that issue. I would like to just read briefly a description about the coupling of choice with unawareness in the abortion process. It was a statement by a woman who did have an abortion and the lack of knowledge involved in her choice. She says, I went in and I asked, what are you going to do to me? All the abortionist did was look at my stomach and say, I'm going to take a little fluid out, put a little fluid in, you'll have severe cramps and expel the fetus. I said, is that all? He said, that's all. It did not sound too bad, but what the doctor described to me was not the truth. Once they put in the saline there was no way to reverse it and for the next hour and a half I felt my daughter thrash around violently while she was being choked, poisoned, burned and suffocated to death. I didn't know, emphasis added, any of that was going to happen, and I remember talking to her and I remember telling her I didn't want to do this, I wished she could live, and yet she was dying and I remember her very last kick on her left side. She had no strength left. I've tried to imagine that kind of death, a pillow put over us suffocating us. In four minutes, we'd pass out. We'd have the gift of passing out, and then dying. But it took her an hour and a half just to die. Then I was given intravenous injection to help stimulate labor and I went into hard labor for 12 hours and at 5:30 a.m. on the 31st of October I delivered my daughter. She was 14 inches long. She weighed over a pound and a half. She had a head of hair. Her eyes were opening. I got to hold on to her because the nurse didn't make it to the room on time. I delivered the girl myself. They grabbed her out of my hands and threw her, literally threw her, into the bedpan and took her away. This woman regretted her decision. She thought she was making the right decision and yet, when she went through the process, she didn't know what was going on, she wasn't informed. The idea of the bill was to try to prevent that or at least give a clear understanding of what the abortion is so that you wouldn't have the woman that...who wrote that story coming back