

district against me because I think it's the right thing to do. I don't like making sausage of politics and giving and taking and making enemies that will never vote for your bills again, right or wrong. I don't like that. I've tried to come up here and do what I think is right, as hard as that may be at times, and that's what I'm doing right now, exactly what I think is right. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, there are some voices that are crying in this wilderness which ordinarily you would not hear from. One of them is Ted Turner. He owns a television network, TBS, Turner Broadcasting System, and also TNT, Turner Network... Turner... well, anyway, TNT. And what Turner did in July of last year was had the audacity to put on a television program. It aired July 20th, July 22nd, July 23rd, and it was about abortion for survival and he got all kinds of letters and threats from the people who called themselves "pro-life" about what would happen if he showed this program. And he said, in so many words, you all don't know who you're talking to; you can complain all you want to; you can protest all you want to; this program is going to be shown. And they said, we will boycott your network. Now I don't have it on authority that he said this, but it's anecdotal, something like the story that Senator McFarland read. Ted Turner said, well, with the level of programming I have it's above your reach, you don't watch it anyway, so how are you going to boycott it? Do your worst. They did their worst and they couldn't do anything. They get hard-eyed, slack-jawed and angry, but they can't do anything. They're impotent. But when they're dealing with a woman who has to go to get one of these abortions, then they become very, very aggressive, very, very forceful and they try to put that woman in fear of violence from them, and that is not appropriate. Now those women can be intimidated, but there are people who will help her. Ted Turner is not such a person and the program aired and it did a lot of good because it brought information from a source that you would not ordinarily find it. I applaud Ted Turner, I applaud others who are willing to assume the responsibility that they have to the public by having those broadcasters' licenses. They must inform the public they...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Excuse me, Senator Chambers. Senator Dierks, for what purpose do you rise?