

them to me because they don't respond. I don't know how anyone on this floor can speak with authority about how the abortion counseling goes on within Nebraska unless they have been through the process themselves, and I don't know of anyone here who has been through that process. Talk to the people in Nebraska and the women in the groups who are opposing...who are pro-life position, who have been through the abortion process, and can tell you that it is not a reasoned and fair decision, objective decision that they make, and they don't receive the type of counseling that has been implied on the floor here. One thing that comes up, I think there have been some sexist remarks made here because I don't consider the abortion issue just a woman's issue. There are lots of parties involved, and we, as a society, are involved in the whole abortion issue, and to try to say that it is only a woman's issue and that men or anyone else, or other women that have not had abortions should not have any say or any concern or any interest in this whole issue I think is totally inappropriate and shows the polarization that sometimes occurs, and the lack of clear thinking or of reasoned thinking that occurs on the issue. There are lots of...there are young men who have come and written me, and one who is a friend of my son's who were the fathers of children, potential children, if you want to call them that, who were aborted, and they found out about that abortion after it had occurred. They knew, in the one case that I recall in particular, the one young man knew that the young woman was pregnant with his child and yet she went away, had the abortion, and he didn't even know that she was considering it. He was concerned about it, making plans.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR McFARLAND: The abortion occurs, he had no say about the whole process because he wasn't involved in the entire process. There are lots of people, and we, as a society, and everyone in our society should be concerned about this whole tragedy, and I would just cite to you that whatever statistical analysis you say that you get, if you look at the analysis of the research that is done, 95 percent of the abortions that occur are not for rape, they are not for incest, they are not for deformed children. They are for cases where the woman doesn't want to interrupt her career, the woman hasn't completed her college education, the woman has felt parental pressure and doesn't want to embarrass her family. The vast majority are, in effect, birth control reasons.