

and basic feeling. And that feeling is that a woman must have, and in my opinion does have the right to make the determination as to whether or not to carry a pregnancy to completion. The state, through the Legislature, should not intrude into that area and influence that decision. I am pleased, at least while I was on the floor and listening on my intercom in the office, that nobody stood on the floor today, or during this discussion in past days, to indicate that a woman would decide to have an abortion in the same way she would decide to buy a pair of blue shoes rather than a pair of brown shoes. I'm glad nobody tried to minimize the seriousness of this whole matter as it relates to the women who are involved. I just wish that we could go far enough to understand that there is some very intimate, personal, private decisions that should be left to the one whose life is going to be affected by it. The other side, the side which disagrees with my position, will say that the unborn, human life, or the unborn baby, as they choose to refer to the fetus or the embryo, has rights which overbalance those of the woman. I don't agree with that. I think that society, in general, has a way of demeaning and subordinating women and the interests of women. Sometimes it's done under the guise of maintaining the family by saying she has to do the cooking, the washing, and the ironing, when a man is just as capable of doing those things. But you get women to buy into that notion. Also, the notion is put forth that whatever a majority of men decide to do, it's what women should be compelled to do. And women buy into that also. What has pleased me most about the discussion this year is the fact that more women got involved, more women who are more in touch with the reality that women face in this world, and spoke in behalf of women maintaining the rights that they should have. We failed to do what I wish we could have done. But I don't think we ought to give up. And as long as there are women who have the rights and interests of women uppermost in their minds, there is a better chance that we'll have of succeeding. Senator Labeledz and Senator Lindsay will have their bill. Women will be compelled to go through these procedures. Whether they live in Omaha, or Scottsbluff, doctors are going to have to either personally deliver, or mail notification to the parents or the guardian, as the case may be, of a woman seeking abortion. But there is one thing of interest to me in the bill, and I didn't try...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to touch it, because I don't want to make