

anything that is going to take someone's life. That's the way I feel about abortion and I have explained that before that there is a life there. And I understand all the arguments about the woman's choice and so on but that little life, to me, is very important. So I can't vote for anything that will help take that little life. On the living will, I understand all the arguments for and against the living will but, there again, I have a problem, there is a fine line in saying that, yes, don't give me any extra help when I'm dying because who knows exactly when we die. We all die a little bit every day because we get closer to the date of our own death. So, there again, I have just a little problem with the living will, not with the idea of it because none of us wants to lie in a comatose state forever and feel that our relatives are burdened with hospital bills and so on, none of us wants that to happen. And if you think I haven't had the experience, I have. I watched my mother die very quickly and I watched my first husband die very slowly. So I know whereof I speak. When it comes to capital punishment, there again, as a society I don't think I can ask someone else to pull the switch or hand the pill, I can't do that. I can't do it myself. And I have people call me and say, I will do it. I doubt very much that most of them, when it came right down to it, to me, it's grizzly, it's a grizzly thing to do a public execution. It seems to me we are...we should be way, way advanced. We look at what happens in Iraq and the Middle East right now, some of the things that are happening and in other parts of our world when there is savagery, during the holocaust when the Nazis persecuted the Jews. We are aghast and think that's terrible the way the lives were taken. Well, that's just the way I feel about life, anybody's life. So that's why I support this bill. It's my own personal feeling. It has nothing to do with all the arguments pro and con. It's simply the way I feel about life. I will vote for it. Senator Chambers, I wanted to ask you one quick question, if you will yield. You mentioned the Pardons Board and that did concern me that the Pardons Board could come along and commute a sentence. Correct?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's right. And Senator...

SENATOR CROSBY: But how would that ensure that this mechanism would still say...I want to hear that again.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, Senator Crosby, there is nothing we can do legislatively to restrict the power of the Pardon Board and