

knows what the operation entails. At the committee hearing there was testimony quite to the contrary of women who had wished that they had been told, and that's all we're asking that happens. We're not asking for photographs and all the other horror stories that you've heard about, simply a statement that allows the woman to consider that. And the second half of that is, if we consider that this is taking place in an environment that has a financial interest in seeing that the procedure be accomplished, we have to remember that. And if the woman walks out that door, a sale is lost. The woman should be entitled, should be allowed without a heavy pressure selling tactic to take that information, consider that information and if she chooses, to return the following day. We've heard the rhetoric on this issue and admittedly from both sides. We've heard the rhetoric on this issue and that rhetoric centers on the question of choice. I suggest that an uninformed choice is no choice at all. That's what LB 78 tries to address. If we are to allow the choice, let's make it informed. Let's not withhold the information that is necessary in coming to that decision. Finally, I would remind, this isn't the type of decision where, and I don't think anybody I would hope, trivializes the decision. It's a decision that, unlike the purchase of a couch or unlike the decision of whether or not to buy a car or take a vacation, you really can't reverse. There is really no other way around it. Once that decision is made, that will affect the woman for the rest of her life. Those of you that attended the committee hearing, you know that it affected those women. You know that there were regrets, but the one simple fact in this is that that decision will never be reversed and those consequences will be borne by them for as long as their memory remains. I would urge that, as we proceed through the debate this afternoon, we look at the bill, we look not at the broader issues that we can go on and on, and I would bet that between Senator Chambers and myself we could go on discussing this forever and we're never going to, I can virtually assure you, that I'm not going to convince him to change his mind and I can assure you that he's not going to convince me to change mine. So we can go on with the discussion and we can talk about the question of abortion, we can talk about when life begins, we can talk about all those broader range of issues without ever addressing the aspects of this bill. The aspects of those bills are informed choice. I would urge the quick advancement of LB 78.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Before we proceed,