

a resolution to them, those are good things and I assume, and I believe I'm correct that there is a study resolution on that subject by Senator Hillman and Senator Rasmussen and I hope it's successful and I'd do what I can to help out but we're not...that's not what we're talking about here. We're talking about an amendment to an amendment that is going to gut the bill and unfortunately that's where it has been placed. Moving over to Senator Landis talking about the enormous regulation being administered on abortion clinics in the state, I just don't think that's true. He pointed to several statutes and, yes, they exist and let's point a little bit further though, we talk about health clinics, well, my reading of the statute probably includes abortion clinics as being a regulated health clinic. The Department of Health thinks otherwise. They do not regulate abortion clinics. The enforcement mechanism simply isn't there. It's the types of things that go on, allegations of types of things that go on I find from a lawsuit filed in Douglas County about a former administrator, I might add a former administrator who does support abortion rights, administrator of a clinic in Omaha, a clinic, I might add, that is owned by, has its parent corporation out of Pennsylvania that I'm sure is established for the purpose of protecting constitutional rights and not for any profit incentive. But the types of things that occurred she has documented in her lawsuit, the doctor falling asleep while administering anesthesia. She has included in her lawsuit the doctor leaving a patient on a surgery table, going outside the clinic and throwing rocks at the windows of the room. She has included in her lawsuit altering charts of the patient, talking on the telephone as he is performing abortions. These are the types of things, this is from a World-Herald article, 7-27-91. We can close our eyes but these things happen. The clinics are unregulated and we refuse to look at reasonable restrictions. Maybe the 24-hour waiting period and the informed consent, informed choice is not good legislation, but where have other regulations come from the people who want a safe, legal abortion, a term we've been throwing about? Regulation is simply nonexistent and, in those cases where it is supposedly existent, the organization charged with enforcing those regulations chooses not to do so. I simply disagree that the regulation is there. It is not a heavily regulated industry, it is exactly the opposite. Finally, if I can just touch in a second the Bernard-Stevens amendment itself. It suggests that there is no question that this bill is unconstitutional and I completely disagree.