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LB 78

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator, I think there is a presumption that by serving a Legislature we are...we make decisions that not only affect every woman, but every man in the state too.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Members of the Legislature, we have a situation perhaps where a young woman from far away from the abortion clinic or not far away from the abortion clinic decides after going through whatever turmoil and agony a woman goes through before reaching that decision. She comes to the clinic to obtain the abortion. She finds out that she is given this graphic description of the anatomical and physiological characteristics of the fetus that is to be aborted. Then she is told how there are groups and agencies that will help you carry this pregnancy to term and she says, but I've made up my mind, I want the abortion, just let me get this over with, and they say, oh, no. Senator Lindsay and Senator Labeledz feel that that shouldn't be your right. They want you to have to go through all this and, by God, you're going to go through it. So she goes through all of that. They say now go home and wait 24 hours or go wherever you want to go. So she goes someplace and comes back 24 hours later, and you know what confronts her then? A group of yowling, howling, yahoos who call themselves the lambs of God, who are more like the hounds of hell. They are unfeeling, they lack compassion, they lack common decency and they're doing this in the name of God and whatever other kind of thing they use to justify this barbaric behavior. So then after she makes her way through this gauntlet and has the abortion, then these people, I guess, have no further interest in her. They don't pursue to find out if she needs counseling or any of the things that they say would be necessary for a woman who has had an abortion. Senator Lindsay talked about the fact that these clinics are not regulated but not one word in LB 78 deals with any of the things he mentioned that are lacking by way of regulation. Senator Lindsay did not draft this piece of claptrap. Senator Lindsay would not draft this kind of thing in this fashion. I know Senator Lindsay...

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...too well. I'm going to tell you what's got President Bush backsliding. He changed and became pro-life when he thought it would help him politically, then even