

those of us who have positions on the issues. We could...it's black and white, we're either for it or we're against it and we get up and we argue the issue and we vote yes or no and then we go home. I think what Senator Hillman is doing is very valuable. She's pointing out that the problem is not so specific. The problem is not simply that of whether a 24-hour waiting period is good or bad. The problem is that we have a society that is, for one reason or another, results in situations that we find uncomfortable, that we feel we need to deal with at a state level and there are elements within that society that contribute to that, that it's our responsibility, as state legislators, to address at the state level. A woman in my legislative district who is 83 years old and has been looking at issues like this for a long time gave me an article from Time magazine that has a lot of food for thought in it. It's...the article appeared on March 23rd, and it's entitled, Losing the Next Generation. And, essentially, it refers to an individual by name of Dr. David Hamburg who has written a book called Today's Children creating a future for...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR WILL: ...a generation in crisis. And the essential premise of the book is that we have lost a substantial portion of the generation of kids under age 16, that we simply have come to a point in our society where, for whatever reason, we're not dealing with our children in an appropriate fashion, that they reach a certain point. He identifies a very crucial stage of development of that between ten and fifteen years of age. They reach that point, for whatever reason, because of an inappropriate family life, because the school system is not addressing them in the way that they need to be addressed, they reach a point where they simply are not coping with society, where they are running into problems, that things like teenage pregnancy result from. And I think this is an article I probably have copied and put on your desks because I think this is the problem that we're talking about. We're talking about a generation that's in trouble in our society. And it's a question of much, much larger proportions than whether an individual...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you.