

And if our ultimate goal is to reduce the numbers of those, as opposed to making them harder to obtain or harassing the people or questioning their judgment, we should all be in agreement that preventing the unwanted pregnancy is the one thing that can truly make a difference. Unfortunately, it's the same problem we have with many other issues. You have to spend some money and you won't be able to see the results today or tomorrow. You might not even be able to count any results or run any numbers on it to get that gratification, that acknowledgement that, boy, the money we spent here did make a difference. We have problems with that because that's the way our society is. They want the short term, short-term profit, short-term justification. I did it today, 'll have results tomorrow, and that's nice, that's always nice. That's why it's so hard to do the right thing on many of these issues, crime, drug abuse, poverty, children having children. You can't see the result tomorrow, thus you can't take something home to your constituents and say, gee, look what I did, look what I did here. I think Senator Hillman's amendment really gives us a chance. We can really do something right now, right here this year, make the commitment to take all those people in the middle, all those people in the middle and if you know your district, I'm sure there are many more people there than there are on either edge of this issue. We have a chance to take all those people and do what I feel they want to do, prevent the pregnancy from happening in the first place. We can do it through educational efforts that Senator Hillman is referring to. We can spend the time making the investment now, the investment in education to help our young people understand what it means to have a family, what it means to their life to raise a child, to make the male, young males understand what it means to father a child. It's not a macho, brief conquest but more of a lifetime commitment that has to be made. We need to make the young men understand that. Thinking back to when I was in high school, that was not at all considered, never considered. And knowing...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...some of the men, young men that I know today in high school, it's still not on the front of their minds by any means. I think we have the chance today to take Senator Hillman's amendment and Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment and do what the proponents of this LB 78 say they want to do, prevent abortions, and prevent them on the front end, prevent them in a rational way, take all the people in the middle, all