

support Senator Rasmussen's amendment to the amendment. The last vote was very encouraging, at the very least, told me that people that aren't on the floor are at least listening. And listening to each other has been one of the problems. I believe Senator Bohlke said folks came on the floor ready to press the red button, but there were those that listened and knew what we were talking about. And that's been the problem. We can't talk about the basic issue and we can't compromise on the basic issue, the issue of abortion. But we can talk and we can compromise about preventing unwanted pregnancies and that's the base of our argument here today. A good article discusses the extremes in the Lincoln paper today on the editorial page, the afternoon paper. It says there were those who in the beginning could not discern the hard consequences when foes of Roe v. Wade declared that the abortion question was a moral crusade rather than a political issue and thus ultimately incapable of compromise or balances...balancing of issues. They know better now, of course. The violence, physical and verbal, directed at doctors who will perform an abortion, medical facilities where these few doctors practice and even hundreds of family planning clinics which dispense contraceptive materials is well documented. That unending intimidation has understandably spawned among some women's rights champions of unattractive bitterness focused against antiabortion personalities. An example of what we mean is the decision of a couple of pro-choice Democrats to boycott the Jefferson-Jackson Dinner in Omaha Saturday. Why? Because retiring senators, Bernice Labedz, scornful of abortion is to receive a party award for more than four decades of labor for the Democratic Party and its nominees. That's the problem, that's why we will never come to closure on this issue. I talked to Senator Labedz about this last night and she said, it didn't bother her, the articles basically helped her sell more tickets to her function. But it does bother me because it happens to me too and it works both ways, as this article goes on to state. Earlier this week, Kansas State representative Kathleen Sebelius of Topeka pointedly was asked not to sponsor a resolution in the Jayhawk Legislature praising Hayden High School's winning girls' basketball team. Why? Because Democrat Sebelius is known as a strong supporter of women's abortion rights and Hayden, which is in Sebelius's district is a Roman Catholic School. We could not, in good conscience, allow her to be a sponsor of that particular resolution, said Patrick Kruger, Hayden's Director of Development. We don't want to be associated with her. Daily, Americans shake their heads in sorrow about divisions tearing