

possible. There is no advantage to keeping them ignorant. I'm going to give my theory, Senator Bohlke, as to why this issue continues to come up. It's a reflex action. It's a political activity, and there is much posturing, and there are people outside the Legislature who pull the chains on those who are in the Legislature, that's why it continues to come up. Senator Labeledz opposed district elections for Douglas County, and then she voted for the bill on Final Reading because she said she saw it was going to pass anyway. So, the greatest achievement, I think, I made was not getting the bill passed but getting rid of my good friend, Senator Labeledz. Wherever you are, Senator Labeledz, I know you're listening, you're probably chuckling, but I mean every word of it. (Laugh.) But here's what happened. There was this Doberman, and there was a chain about eight feet long attached to his collar. And whenever somebody approached the front door of this house, to which the chain was attached, this Doberman would charge out there a hundred miles an hour. When he reached the end of the eight foot chain he'd be drawn up short and do a back flip, bam. This went on for several weeks. Then the owner of the dog took the chain off. Somebody approached the house, this Doberman, with fangs dripping with that foam that comes when they're very upset, charged toward the individual. When he reached the point where the eight foot chain would have grabbed him, he drew up short and did a back flip, as though the chain were still there. Creature of habit. The Legislature is being whipsawed because certain groups have decided that's what they're going to tell their people in the Legislature to do. It is crystal clear that this bill is going nowhere. All they want to do is get their cloture vote. They think that something is going to be revealed about how we feel on this question that the public does not already know. It shows the cynicism behind this kind of legislation, and how there is no intent, no matter how you construe it, to do something which is beneficial...

SENATOR WARNER: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to the women who need to be helped in this situation. There is not one word in this bill that would make that woman's situation any easier. But everything in it aggravates it, just like every mistake that has ever been made in the name of religion is one that produces great pain and agony on people. Religious people never make a mistake on the side of compassion and kindness, always on the side of pain and suffering, and LB 78 fits into that pattern.