

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thirty seconds. Thank you, Senator Robak. Senator Chambers, your point.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I will answer any question that is put to me while we're debating an issue or about anything that I have put before the body, but I will not consent to being cut off in the middle of the answer and trifled with in that fashion and if somebody attempts to do that, I'm going to talk over the person and answer the question to my satisfaction and I want everybody to understand that.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Madam President, members, I'd like to change maybe just a little bit of the direction here in what I had been before because I was talking a lot about, I think, how each of us feel as individuals and our own convictions and so forth in going into this legislation and how we feel about it. What I'd like to change now is to offer some statistics from the 3rd District in Nebraska and how I... a survey that was done, I'd like to share with you how other people out there in Nebraska feel. This was an article in the Star Herald, which is a regional newspaper in western Nebraska, and it was done in October the 13th, 1991. It says Nebraska residents are pro-choice in at least one way. Most want government to keep out of their personal decisions regarding abortion. In a poll conducted for the Star Herald October 3rd through the 6th, 77 percent of the respondents surveyed said they believe that abortion is a personal decision and that the government should not be involved in that decision. Eighteen percent disagreed and 5 percent were unsure. That sentiment was consistent across the state, although Democrats were more likely to resent government intrusion, 87 percent, than were Republicans, 68 percent. In addition, younger age groups objected more to government involvement than did older respondents. The survey also asked whether Nebraskans agreed with a statement, if the U.S. Supreme Court overrules Roe v. Wade, which guarantees the right of a woman to choose abortion, I would still want abortion to remain safe and legal in Nebraska. Seven in ten of those polled statewide agreed, dropping it to 64 percent in the 3rd Congressional District. Again, Democrats were more likely to agree, 82 percent, than were Republicans, 63 percent. There was virtually no difference, no difference in the opinions of men and women. I would just like to read that line one more time.