

between them cannot be explained by socioeconomic status, by demographics. There are really...the mothers who do not want their children knew less factual information about their children's lives, showed less warmth in their relationships with their unwanted children, and to the social workers who gather data on the mothers of wanted children, these mothers appeared in everyday social situations as problem-prone personalities with less satisfactory relationships with their immediate social groups and with their children. Furthermore, teachers of these unwanted...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...children reported that the families of these unwanted children are less adequate in the care of their children and cooperate less with the schools. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I have had a chance to do as others have done this evening, have had a chance to do some reading that I have been meaning to do for quite awhile. One of the interesting articles I ran across actually was a September 30th, 1991 copy of a "Dear Abby", which I don't read Dear Abby. I don't. I am sorry, no, I don't read Dear Abby, and as I read this particular one out of boredom and getting caught up on some reading, I may have to start reading it a little bit more. And it got me thinking about the whole issue of abortion, worldwide, statewide, nationally, and how interesting the different viewpoints are. And Senator Cudaback and I were talking not too long ago about what there must be in different people's lifestyles or in their growing up or some type of environmental...just environment that they grow up on that makes a person end up taking one side or another, and it is an interesting thing. And I got to the Dear Abby article, and a person wrote, obviously, there is no name, it is Confused in St. Paul, and they are talking about the pro-life and the pro-choice, and they are confused about where the religious denominations stand, and it is interesting because in many of the...much of the arguments, though not necessarily here this evening, much of the argument nationally and statewide are religious arguments, that we get down to why there is religious dogma that dictates that certain positions can be taken or not taken. And so in the Dear Abby column, they just