

happened to put, at least as of this time, and I don't profess to say that these are the absolute truth, I am reading from the article. It is interesting to hear the different religions on how they view abortion. You get to the Church of Christ Scientists, and here is what they say about abortion. "Matters of family planning are left to the individual judgment of members of our church." And that is all it said. You get to what they call a conservative Judaism, and they oppose government restrictions on a woman's right to have an abortion. The Episcopal Church, of which I am a member of, and they usually end up in the middle of the road somehow on all the issues. This is the church that actually is, broke away from the Pope, and we had a high church to keep the Romans happy, and then we also went to the low church so that we wouldn't have the Lutherans overrun us on the...when Martin Luther and the wars were going on. They usually take a middle road, they do, "any proposed legislation on the part of national or state government regarding abortions must take special care to see that the individual conscience is respected." That is intriguing. Islam, Islam, really I find fascinating because I know...I need to know more about the religion but they have abortion is allowed for any reason in the first 40 days of pregnancy, or approximately 5.7 weeks. They oppose abortion after this point except if the woman's life is in danger. The issue of fetal deformity is an issue that is being examined by the Islam church now. The Presbyterian Church, the abortion decision must remain with the individual and be made on the basis of conscience and personal religious principles, and must be free of governmental influence. And, again, for anyone that might be listening, if there is a change in that doctrine, I am just reading from an article and I don't assume that the information is necessarily accurate. I am just repeating what is here. United Methodist Church supports the legal option of abortion under proper medical procedures. Zen Buddhists, they say a decision should be made in full awareness of the consequences, which is interesting, and should be made by the individual with a clear head fully awake to the whole issue.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And then we get to the American Baptist Churches and they have adopted a neutral position, at least at the time of this article. I say this because so much of the discussion comes around for religious morality, and yet there are so many issues and so many positions that are all over