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SENATOR LANDIS: Yeah. I wonder how different that is with what happens outside of an abortion clinic.

SENATOR ELMER: No difference.

SENATOR LANDIS: Because there people are exercising their constitutional rights and there people gather for the purpose of holding placards, shouting epithets, arguing a position, but, frankly, for the purpose of interfering with a process they find to be immoral, and there I don't think we can find a statute like this one protecting the person's lawful activities in the same way. Perhaps we can but I am...I am flummoxed by the amount of care that we are taking in this situation. On the other hand, maybe that's the best reason I should vote for LB 274. Historically, I have opposed this legislation for being overreaching. However, if this body is now genuinely prepared to put itself on the record that lawful activities will be free from interference of others, if that is what the body is putting itself on the record today, then I want to join in that because I believe in that principle. I think we selectively do that, and in this case, I think we're probably going to get to the position that hunters have more rights and protection under the law than women who want to exercise their constitutional freedoms. I am going to guess by the list of introducers that if we generally adopted a principle that said women will be free from this kind of interference in the exercise of their constitutional duties, I am going to guess that same list of introducers wouldn't be there. If the body is genuinely making the kind of conceptual statement that is made on page 2, subsection (2), then I want to vote for 274 and apply it across the board. I wonder if that is the case.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I would like to say that I support the bill. I also agree with what Senator Landis has said in large part, although with respect to be flummoxed, not knowing exactly what part of the anatomy that goes to, I cannot concur with that immediately. In any event, let me give you what I believe is another perspective on this whole thing that is happening because it happens time and again in the Legislature, and it used to drive me crazy when I was Chair of