

correct, the right thing to do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: On this particular bill or that will be your position with reference to every bill that encounters a similar fate this session?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I can assure you it won't necessarily be my position on every bill. I'd have to have the same reaction to what the body was and was not doing, the decisions we were and were not making.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then this is not a decision based on the operation of your intellect but rather a gut feeling that led you to arrive at that conclusion on this particular bill? Would that be fair to say?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: It may be fair to say. I don't think I disengaged my brain, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I didn't say that. What I'm saying, since you said it depends on your reaction, people call that a gut reaction. It's based on something other than having reasoned your way to this position.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: No, certainly there was a gut reaction, certainly there was an emotional response, but I had also reasoned my way to that position because I had talked with, for instance, when Senator Bernard-Stevens had made the motion to repeal the entire underlying law, I had talked with a number of members of the body who said they thought that ought to happen and then that was not the will and, in fact, some of those people saw it otherwise at the point in time when they cast their vote. It just seemed to me we had been all over the lot on the very extreme points of view on this thing and had done nothing.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brashear, that is going to happen on a number of bills, but let me ask you this question.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I think I made reference to my naivete. I suspected that I was learning something here.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that was a statement which shows anything but naivete. That was a very savvy comment and I noted it, so I'm not making any further reference to it. Senator Brashear,