

there is nothing in the law that looks at the ability of the people to make decisions in this situation. There is just the blanket guarantee that a person making purchases under certain circumstances will have a period of time during which they can disavow those purchases and not be bound, period. And if I tried to get a law to change that we'd have all kind of consumer groups swooping down saying, don't do it, don't do it. But here we're talking about the "Repelicans", what these "Demagogues" and all the others want to discuss and that is holding together the family. You all are saying destroy this family unit forever, destroy it forever with this proviso. If some adoption agency, whether religious or private, has gotten involved and they want to move one of these babies in their pipeline of commerce, then allow the mother to revoke her relinquishment in order that the commercial aspect not be affected because we understand commercial transactions and commercial transactions have a higher degree or level of sanctity than considerations of a mother who wants to keep her child. You all knew what you were doing in this country when you wrote the words on your money. "In God We Trust", because the money is your God. The money is your God and that which pertains to money will catch your attention immediately and you'll pass laws to protect those commercial relationships, but when we come to the thing that you all talk about on the campaign trail and when you want to try to get votes and show that you are a real conservative, namely family values, then you start talking the kind of things that I'm trying to get you to pay attention to now and use as a basis for governing your conduct, but you don't want to govern your conduct by it. I guess that's why Jesus said, you know a tree by the fruit it bears, not by the noise that's made when the wind blows through the branches, that just shows how much noise it can make or how the thick the bark is or how pretty the leaves are or the blossoms when they blossom. No, the way to judge the tree is by the fruit it bears. And if a nut falls off the tree, you can't say it's an apple tree. If an apple falls off the tree, you can't say it's a plum tree.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But when it comes to our legislating, that's what you want to do. You want family values and male responsibility when you want to take away drivers' licenses and put people in jail for not paying child support, but you want to do everything you can to keep a willing father from gaining custody of his child. I'm sorry that my time ran out so