

together, to me there is absolutely no reason to extend this to 90 days or even 14 days, Senator Bernard-Stevens. You are not, in my opinion, helping anybody by extending this period of time. You are not helping the women who have had months and months to make this decision extending this period of time. It is like I told Senator Chambers earlier in the day when he said he wanted to do this, and I said, you know, to me maybe what these people are really saying to you is help me out of...help me out of this decision, or they really wanted to make this decision but they wanted to be able to blame something on feeling bad about it. And that, to me, is the psychology of giving a child up for adoption, and it is similar, as you said, to having an abortion. There is some psychology there, and the need to want to give women who are making the decision on abortion as much information as possible, in my view, was to keep the women, who years later blame themselves in any way, shape or form, from saying they didn't have the information when it was time that they made the decision. And the same thing goes for women who make a decision to put their child up for adoption, we have staff members all over this building who contacted me on this bill, who are adopted children, and there is nobody out there who is saying it isn't an agonizing decision. But lengthening the time frame doesn't change the agony of that decision, or that decision-making process. I believe the decision-making process occurs when the woman is pregnant, first finds out she is pregnant, first making the decision on whether to keep the child, whether to put the child up for adoption, whatever those are, and that goes on for months and months. And even after a decision is made, whether it be adoption or abortion, I believe women still continue for who knows how long, none of us will ever know for how long, to think about that decision. Even when you make a decision to do something like buying a house or getting married, you still look over those decisions from every angle and you come to some point where there is closure on that decision, where you have to come down to a final decision. And lengthening the period of time it takes to make that decision doesn't change that decision process, except if we are saying you lengthen this to 90 days or even 14 days, you are just making the people who want to adopt the child and the child, and the child, be in a limbo for that much longer. And to me, those are the people that we should be concerned about here is the child who is being put up for adoption on finding a definite decision for the future of that child as soon as possible. And then making that the best decision possible for that child and for those adoptive parents. Those adoptive parents, my sister