

Legislature will do, they are political decisions that are being made and in the process of making them very serious things are not given the consideration that they warrant. And I am deeply offended at the fact that the body does not think a woman who has signed away the rights to her child should have an opportunity to reconsider. That is deeply, morally offensive to me. There were a few senators who felt as I feel, and I think those who agree that a mother should have an opportunity to reconsider this decision, operate on a higher moral plane than those who don't, they are morally superior. Those who reduce a child to the object of a commercial transaction have done what to me is one of the most despicable things that can be done. Before many of the members who now are here joined this body I offered a bill and it was enacted into law which makes so called surrogate mother contracts unenforceable. It dealt with the same principal or idea that certain people's children are up for grabs when the better people in society want to take those children. And most of the legislators have so much contempt for poor women that they decide in their arrogance that these so called better or elitist people in society have more right to those children and the Legislature should facilitate those children being taken. And I disagree with that. I think it is reprehensible. The irony is that those who do so much talking against abortion, so much talking about the necessity of having women bring every pregnancy to term take an entirely different tack when a baby is born into the world and is a full-fledged human person in being then all of the theoretical and abstract discussions go out the window, all of the concerns expressed for a fetus evaporate, and the hypocrisy is revealed in its starkness. Because religions say that fetuses must be protected, but those same religions operate adoption agencies which will coerce women to give up their babies, those same religions cannot take a position strongly protecting the mothers' bonding to that child in being. That is the hypocrisy, but we have that area which some people would call a grey area where financial considerations intervene, where class considerations intervene. And the ones who are supposed to be the betters make decisions about the children of those who are considered less worthy. We don't have many people who stand on this floor and truly speak for children. Some will say on the welfare reform bill, so called, this is a bill for children where you reduce the amount of help that the child can get. You take it away entirely in some instances. If a poor, young woman wants to carry a pregnancy to term we say, don't give her money to assist her because she might buy what we don't think she