

couldn't even write. And then three of the crimes that the confession had him pleading guilty or responsible for were solved by the police as having been committed by others, but he still was serving time for those crimes that he supposedly confessed to by writing a confession when he can't write and he can't read, and all of that was established, but it meant nothing. So the fact that a court will say that this woman with the low IQ understood this legal gobbledegook really means nothing. As far as what we care about in this Legislature, I'm the one who brought a bill to make these surrogate mother contracts unenforceable in Nebraska. It is not a surrogate mother, it is a surrogate wife. The woman involved was the natural mother of the child, but the sperm of a man not her husband was used to fertilize her egg, and it was always a well-to-do woman who hired one of these so-called surrogate mothers, which, in fact, was a surrogate wife, and in that situation, a poor woman never had a surrogate and a rich woman never was one. So, again, the womb of poor women, their wombs were being rented and purchased. No concern whatsoever for the attachment that would develop between the woman and the child. All of a sudden when the interests of the wealthy are at stake, we forget about what we call in other situations the natural bonding between a mother and a child, and the term mother suddenly loses all meaning and significance. And I think that is very, very revealing. I say, again, that when we have a situation of a woman without the mental ability to look out for her own interests, having her child taken from her, we won't give any consideration to the fact that maybe the child was the only thing in this world that had true meaning for her, a part of her, something that she could feel she even created, and it was taken from her by this compassionate, intelligent society, which builds churches, yes, Senator Witek, housing plaster statutes to which people bow and say prayers to, and take the babies from poor women. I hear when we are discussing abortion how it is worthwhile to go and even scream at these women who want to have an abortion so that they won't have an abortion because that thing which she carries is holy and sacred and should be carried to term. But all of that goes out the window when we are talking about a virtually illiterate woman of low IQ, who in a stressful situation gives up her child, and then is not allowed to change her mind because it would be inconvenient to those who have money and want to take her baby from her.

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