

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is a person is made strong by analyzing difficult situations and arriving at a choice, or being faced with those situations where you love one and hate the other?

SENATOR LANDIS: Since you are putting those two together it does force a conundrum and serious analysis, but in the end I voted yesterday as a show of faith, today I think the issue is being used and I won't support it in the context of 886.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, thank you, Senator Landis. So, if this provision were added, if this provision is being dealt with, in the way I deal with it, it is not exactly like the situation that Solomon faced when there were two babies, both alive at one point, ... the night these two women who were in the same bed, one rolled on one of the children, it died, and they were trying to determine which mother was entitled to the child still alive. Solomon said, he would cut the child in two and split it and one of them said, well yeah, go ahead and do it, and the other one said, well no, don't do it, let her have the child. So everybody assumed, along with Solomon, that the one who said don't cut the child was the one who was really the mother. That didn't prove that that one was the mother. It just proved that this is the woman who, rather than say let a child be cut in half, even if it is mine own, I would let somebody who is not the mother have the child. That is why these clever little Bible stories don't persuade people who think deeply because they don't get at the real issue of the problem and deal with the realities that we face. There have been women who are willing to give up their children because they felt that they themselves were unable to provide to that child what was needed. And sometimes a child winds up in a better environment, sometimes not. When we deal with these kind of issues there are moral values at stake. Senator Landis knew very well, even though I hadn't thought of it in the terms that he phrased the question and put it to me on this particular bill, that I would not support this bill if this amendment were attached. He knew that ultimately that is what my answer would be and although his question was intriguing and it gave me a moment, made me reflect for a few seconds I knew what my answer would be. But the fact that I said I would not support the bill if this amendment were attached should not be a basis for voting against the amendment. There are amendments that I have offered to this bill which members of the body voted to attach to the bill knowing that I am not going to support the bill. So, how can they justifiably