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what we're doing.

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It would be facetious, naive and self-blinding for us to pretend that women are accorded the same respect, consideration and care that males are accorded in this society. So if this were a bill dealing with cosmetic things, or the frivolous and inconsequential, I would not support it. This goes to the very core of what it means to be a female in this society, and it goes to addressing those things that are matters literally of life or death. And because of the group, the racial group to which I belong, it is an extremely serious matter. I have shown restraint, I think, this morning in the way that I have spoken. But I am very strongly in favor of this bill. And the fact that I have kept my voice moderated, my emotions in check, I don't want anybody to get the impression...

SENATOR COORDSEN: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that I am not as strongly for this bill as I am.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) Moving on our list of speakers, Senator Engel, please.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I support the intent of this bill, but I do have certain reservations with it. I'd first of all like to preface it with a little bit. I do agree with Senator Crosby that over the years doctors have treated women differently than men. In the case of my wife, they said, well you've had five children, you're not going to feel good all the time. Then later on something else happened, well you're getting older, you know. And then, you're living with Pat, you know, that might have been the... (Laughter) Now that might have been the reason, but the thing is I also agree that the attitude of the younger doctors is changing. They are looking at things much differently than the older doctors are. So they are treating women more equally than they are...as men than they used to do. And I think that is good. In this particular case, I know my wife would be in much better