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can bring it to crystal clarity, I can bombard you with many images, but I have control. I don't care what amendment is offered by whomever, I'm going to take over that amendment. It will be mine. The Legislature, during the time that this thing is debated, will be mine. It will be delivered into my hands and I will demonstrate, as I did on the landlord bill, that I can take the full eight hours by myself, and it will be a pleasure for me to do it. So I have mixed emotions (laugh). I cannot vote to resuscitate the thing, but I will have a lot of fun if the thing gets out here. And the thing is going to have very rough sledding. And all of my colleagues will have plenty of time to posture and play to the public, criticize the university, say I'm more pro-life than this person, I'm more antiabortion than that one. Well, I am proud and unrepentant when I say that I am unalterably in favor, unwaveringly in favor, unapologetically in favor and a strong supporter of a woman's right to determine whether or not she's going to carry an abortion (sic) to term. And I think it's nobody's so and so business, except her and her doctor's. Now I say...well you can't...there can be no demonstrations for or against. When you find the kind of bills that are going to restrict women and their prerogatives, they are always engineered by men, always,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...because men see a threat in women. They want them to be subordinated. And, if that weren't the case, it wouldn't be necessary to bring so much legislation and do other things to try to just restore women to a simple position of decency where they enjoy common respect. So I am against the thing. But, if you bring it out here, brothers and sisters, I am going to have a ball.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler, followed by Senators Hilgert, Dierks, Landis, Bourne, Raikes, Kremer, Preister, Quandahl and others.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, I don't plan to vote to raise this matter from committee, primarily because I think compromises that need to be worked out and can be worked out simply cannot be done in a