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changed it. Remember how Bush said there were weapons of mass destruction in Iraq? Then he changed it and said, well, there were weapons programs; changed it. Now they don't say that that fertilized egg is a human being. They say it is human life. They changed it because they know it's not a human being and they know and realize how ridiculous they sounded. And I pointed out something that these Catholics don't know because they don't read. I went to a Catholic University, a Jesuit University, and I was in conflict and debate with them all the time. What these people don't know is that Aristotle was not a saint. Aristotle was not a Christian. Thomas Aquinas, who is the heaviest person the Jesuits have in laying out their philosophy, built a lot of what he talked about on what Aristotle presented.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Aristotle, and those geniuses, believed in what they called spontaneous generation. That meant life sprang up from nowhere. And the reason they said it, you'd have garbage piled up, then you'd see maggots. As much as Aristotle was known as an observer, he was the one who proposed the notion of spontaneous generation, not realizing that flies laid eggs, the eggs hatched and produced maggots, but that was taught as doctrine; spontaneous generation. And they also taught that a female fetus was not infused with a soul as early in development as a male fetus. That was a part of what the Catholic church taught. I know it because I read. They don't know it because they don't read. So where did the change come? And how did they know when a fetus was infused with a soul? It fit the purposes of the church to do so. Now I presume that if a female fetus was not infused with a soul as early as a male...

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...fetus, you could abort the female and you had not done anything wrong. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Schimek.