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research we have out there that appears to be valid suggests that remorse and guilt is most likely to occur when a women has been persuaded one way or the other;...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: ...that when women are given good information and are...are helped to make an independent decision, not as defined by someone else but according to her own standards, then there is more likely that she will make a decision that she can live with comfortably. So the object here I think is that we not only want to get the good information but we want to do it in a way that is not an effort to persuade women one way or the other, either direction, not to persuade that you shouldn't be having kids at 14 and, therefore, you ought to have an abortion. It should not be to persuade a woman that even if you are 20 and are going to lose your job and you have a spouse that beats you that you must carry this pregnancy to term. So it should not be a matter of attempting to persuade, but get information out there in a way that's objective and that actually does more than just provide cold hard fact, but give a...an ear for a woman what is accessible, that maintains a minimum of intrusiveness and...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: ...allows here to get at good information.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. Senator Landis, your light is on, but you have already spoken your three times. That's what these two very capable young women tell me, that you've spoken three times. I trust their judgment. Senator Chambers, you're next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I will yield my time to Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I would like the record to note that...

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...Senator Chambers offered his time to anybody else on the face of the planet and didn't take all of his time himself, which I think is a remarkable act of diplomacy on his part and a remarkable event. Understand that at the core of 110