

issue we are making some headways and we're looking at, I think, areas where the pro-life and pro-choice, if that's the way we have to...and we seem to have to put labels on people, if that's what they have to be that we can come together perhaps for some type of an agreement. Pro-choice is, I feel, mail that I have got when I am labeled a "pro-choice" legislator, another word that's synonymous for pro-choice is pro-abortion, and I probably object to that label very much because I don't consider myself anyone who is pro-abortion. I do consider myself someone who is pro-choice and I think that, legally, that women today have a choice whether or not they want to have an abortion and I think they have the right to make that choice without any really undue interference. Now information may not be interference and I think that's something that we're looking at tonight to be able to come up with what is good information but at the same time is not interference. You have all types...I'm going to say types, but you have all situations, all ages of women, all coming to the area where they're making this kind of decision and you will women who, I think, have made up their mind. There is no amount of information that they want. They know what they want to do and I believe, firmly believe, a personal belief that if there is not a way that they can obtain a legal abortion, that they will obtain an illegal abortion. So those particular women are going to have an abortion no matter what we do here today. I do think there are women who desperately need some type of assistance. They need someone that they can talk to. They need someone that they can talk through the situation and have to be able to know all the alternatives, the things that can happen before, after, during and also I think it's really important that they have someone to visit with so that they will understand what it's going to mean to them in the future and on down the line whether or not they have an abortion either way. There are consequences that's going to come about either way and they need to know what those are in making good decisions. There are very personal and religious beliefs that come out through this type of legislation, beliefs as to when life actually begins and we could debate that for many, many sessions and probably not come...all of us come to the same conclusion. But I think our religious beliefs enter into what we are doing no matter...most of us can't put those aside and leave them behind. Personally, I've spent hours and hours with my own pastor, with leaders in our church...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.