

SENATOR HILLMAN: ...trying to determine either from the stands that that church takes and where I should be. And for me, for the most part, it comes down to what I can put into legislation and what I cannot put into legislation when it comes to my own personal beliefs. I can have those beliefs, I can operate accordingly. I can live my life accordingly, but when I put it into legislation then I require other people to believe as I do and that's when I have to, I think, look at what I personally believe and what I put into legislation, and I do believe there's a big difference there, and this issue is one of them when I have to make some very careful choices of myself and look at enabling other women to make choices as they see fit also.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Hohenstein.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I...this may seem a little unusual, the process we're going through but I'll tell you what, we did it a few...maybe a week ago, no, ten days...when Joyce was gone, on a bill that dealt with driver's licenses and fees and we delayed...I mean, if we can't do it on the...if we can do it on that issue, we can sure do it on this issue. And, in that spirit of cooperation, although I fully recognize that I may not agree with everything she's about to say, I yield the rest of my time to Senator Rasmussen.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Senator Hohenstein. I promised to say his name correctly. He said, I'll give you my time. I...we are attempting to try and keep the conversation going here as we draft some language to the bill. And I...this is a topic that sometimes consumes me. I'm probably dangerous driving on the interstate as I get to thinking about these issues and I just want to share a couple of other reactions here about this type of legislation. If we come up with something that supports women and presumes their rights as citizens of this country and presumes intelligence and sensitivity, I'm going to be a lot more comfortable with it. The personal offenses come not only from language in the bill and in previous types of legislation along this line but even sometimes inadvertently from comments from my colleagues that suggest that women are basically incompetent, that, therefore, we have to have laws for them that we would not have for men. And there have been times when we have thought about offering