

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I will try to say everything that I intend to say on this bill for the rest of the session in that time, but I have my light on in case I cannot. I told Senator Lindsay and all the others who worked together to get to the point where we are that my agreement is for the duration. If, because we were drafting the language on the spot and or the spur of the moment, something inadvertent is put in or left out, I would agree to help do whatever is necessary to return the bill, correct whatever needs correcting and readvance it. My agreement is not part of a stratagem to in any way harm the bill. I still don't like what the bill does, I don't like the philosophy behind the bill. But, again, that's based on my concept of a woman's civil liberties, her right to privacy and a right to make a decision without any intrusion...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...by the government. But this is the best that we're going to get in terms of a bill like this. I think Senator Lindsay has yielded something. I know that I have. It's one of those situations which shows that...and, Senator Bohlke, allow me to get as sentimental as I can, and I...it's hard to keep a straight face sometimes, but this, in a sense, is our house and sometimes on occasion our house is a very, very, very fine house. We are allowed, on occasion, to work together and bring the best that we have at that time to bear on a problem and arrive at, at least, an acceptable solution so that we can move forward and I think that's what we have done at this point. That's why I was willing to sign my name in blood on that amendment that is before you now and I hope you will adopt it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I want to thank all of those that have been trying to come up with what we believe is the right policy. I will be up front with you as I was with Senator Lindsay, there are still things that bother me about this legislation. I have shared many of them with you over the course of the evening and whether you heard them or not is probably not terribly relevant at this point, but they...some of those issues still remain in the legislation. But I think what we've got going here is an effort to drop some of those rituals, drop some of those undercurrents, those other agendas