

May 4, 1973

point I tried to make. I admire you for your stands on some of the issues that you take. I admire you even more for your ability to receive new information and change your mind when you're found to be wrong. On this issue I cannot say you're right and I cannot say you're wrong because we're not looking at it in terms of right or wrong. When I say we, I mean the Legislature. It's being judged on the basis of what is politically expedient. You talk about inconsistency, how can the Legislature consistently pass a bill

(End of Belt #15)

(Begin Belt #16)

to outlaw abortion which is killing and overwhelmingly pass a bill to reinstate capital punishment, which is killing. So on the one hand you're more concerned--not you--about life which has not come into the world than you are about life which has and if you want to say that the one who suffers capital punishment has been convicted of a crime, conviction does not always mean that the individual who was killed committed the crime. I feel all of this is germane to what we're discussing. As Senator Marsh pointed out so capably, some people consider the nationality of an unborn child to be sufficient basis for denying that child life. So in both cases the term crime can be substituted or put in as the reason for taking a person's life. I know that this resolution is going to sail through this body because that's the kind of body that it is and there are a lot of things that I've heard Senator Carpenter say about the body which I will not say but I'm mighty tempted to say. See I can't hit the book and make everybody jump and shake like Senator Carpenter. If I could maybe I would but the point I'm making here now is that this resolution should not be advanced. I know you're going to advance it. It's very difficult to stop you from advancing it, but we become strong by doing difficult things.

PRESIDENT: Chair next recognizes Senator Kelly. The motion is to advance LR 23.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the body, we've talked a little bit about hastening this resolution through the Legislature and I just want to read from my little back book that this was first read on the 22nd of March. The committee hearing was on April 2nd and it was put on General File on April 9th where it has been until today. We who have received mail on this resolution are well aware that there has been no hastening of this resolution through this Legislature. It is going to be treated as a bill and that will not hasten it through this Legislature. It is being handled in a very orderly fashion. We should support it and if I can be part of the propelling wind that will sail it across the boards, I certainly want to do that.

PRESIDENT: Chair next recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the hour's late, we've discussed a long time but there's not much point in hurrying now any more so I would just like to say in answer to Senator Chambers who speaks eloquently and fluently in regard to protection of the life of the mother and says that the Supreme Court has indicated that since there are going to be abortions performed anyway they should be done so in a time and a place and under the supervision of medical personnel so there would be no danger to life. I would suggest to Senator Chambers that the very act of the performance of the abortion is a danger, a total danger to the life, absolute snuffing out of life in my opinion. My opinion may be wrong, my opinion has been wrong before, it will be wrong again but at this time and at this place I would