

with the intent makes that pill an abortion, how ridiculous can you be, only in the Nebraska Legislature. I am not going to try to discuss this bill seriously any more because it is impossible. I think it is a travesty. It is a mockery. It is foolishness. It is nonsense. It is silliness and it is going to hold the Legislature up to ridicule and scorn again and for the information if there are any pro-lifers or whoever else is cracking the whip over these other people around here, you do not control me and I do not legislate for you. My integrity, my ego, my intelligence are far more important to me than anything you may say or do. I tell the Senators, read this bill and read the amendments and see the foolishness which you are being asked to endorse but not for me.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fowler and then Senator Johnson.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, I would like to address at least those two sections that Senator Chambers cites, first with regards to the question of emergency. I do not really see we have created a contradiction. There are three places that emergency is written into the bill. The first one deals with whether or not a woman should give consent to have an abortion, that is, should she tell the doctor, yes, I want an abortion before an abortion is performed. The second is whether after that consent there should be a ~~forty-eight~~ hour waiting period and the third circumstance in which emergency is mentioned is whether or not a minor should have to consult with parents before the abortion is performed. Now we set a general definition of emergency situation as Senator Chambers read and that is a condition that exists in the best medical judgment of the physician the abortion should be performed without delay so as not to adversely affect the mental or physical health of the woman. So that in the case of parental consultation, in the case of the forty-eight hour waiting period, that would be the definition of emergency that would apply. Now the section that Senator Chambers cites, page 5, lines 4 through 11, deals with whether or not the woman should give consent before the abortion is performed and it was our feeling that the simple definition of emergency situation was not adequate in that circumstance, that is that an abortion should be performed without the woman's consent. Now we are not talking about a waiting period. We are talking just about saying, yes, I want an abortion. It was our feeling that the only circumstances under which an abortion should be performed without the consent of the woman upon whom the abortion is being performed is an emergency situation that presents imminent peril that substantially endangers the life of the woman