

and the woman is unable to give consent. Now that seems reasonable to me. It seems reasonable to me that the only time that doctors should be allowed to perform an abortion without the consent of the woman is in those emergency situations when there is imminent peril. But as far as the forty-eight hour waiting period, as far as parental consultation, we felt that there were other health emergencies that should be considered. We do not want to open the door to let doctors perform abortions without consent. It is very important I think that we have a tighter definition of emergency in that particular section. As far as the question of whether or not the morning after pill or the I.U.D. is considered an abortion, language was inserted that hopefully will deal with this problem and that is, if you turn to page 2, on line 7, with the amendments. I am talking about page 2 of the bill now, I'm sorry, page 2 of the bill. If the amendments are written into the definition of abortion it would say, "abortion shall mean an act, procedure, device, or prescription administered to a woman known to be pregnant by the person so administered and performed." Now in the discussions on this section it was felt that given the circumstances under which the morning after pill is used, given the circumstances under which an I.U.D. is used, that the woman could not at that time know that she was pregnant. It is just not possible and therefore, the morning after pill may be used because there is a possibility that the woman might be pregnant but it is not known and as long as it is not known, it is not an abortion. So with regards to those two areas I would disagree with Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute.

SENATOR FOWLER: I believe that we need a specific definition of emergency situation when you are talking about performing an abortion without the consent of the woman. I think a looser definition of emergency is appropriate for the forty-eight hour waiting period and for the parental consultation. Now I don't believe that even that looser definition will solve the problems with parental consultation and forty-eight hour waiting period. I think the courts will still throw that out. That is one issue that we agreed on that probably will have to be resolved in the courts. As far as the I.U.D. and the morning after pill, I believe this language does take care of that specific problem.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President, members of the chamber,