

physician, if using sound, if using standard medical practice would know what is best for the woman. I would hope that the majority of the members of this Legislature have been listening to the debate in the last twenty, twenty five minutes. I think with the adoption of this amendment we are just simply making it convenient for a woman to go into an abortion clinic and say, look, I've got a headache and I've got this something inside of me and I will get rid of the headache if I can get rid of that something that is inside. It is that simple. We are making it that simple, at least with the amendment. In her opinion, in her opinion, there is something that is causing her some kind of grief, be it physical and/or mental. In her opinion she wants and needs an abortion to relieve whatever problems she is having. Folks, let me tell you. To me it is simple. Everyone is making it sound like it is such a difficult decision. Why should it be so difficult? Because they are telling you it is a difficult decision to make. That is all, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hoagland and then Senator Labeledz, and then Senator Fowler. Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, our effort since last Tuesday has been to do everything we can in order to write a constitutional bill. What we are debating on the floor today is not pro-life or pro-choice. It is our obligations as legislators to write a bill that we think and that we know is constitutional and I think that a number of us who have been working on this issue over the last ten days, almost on a daily basis, agree that this particular amendment is important in order to make this entire bill constitutional. Now let me step back a moment. Our purpose in this legislation is to regulate abortions. All right. Our purpose is to do things like regulate the kind of practices that took place in Chicago and our purpose in this legislation is to regulate things like third trimester abortions. Now since Judge Urbom issued his opinion on December 28th we have no law regulating the Chicago practices. We have no law regulating third trimester abortions in effect at all and the reason we do not have that law is because the federal courts have said that the statute that we are here amending today is unconstitutional. So to write an unconstitutional bill defeats our fundamental purpose of regulating abortions, third trimester abortions, Chicago practices and the like. Now the consequence of having a bill declared unconstitutional is severalfold. One of them is that we have no