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SENATOR DeCAMP: Well if that is the case, it is ten times worse than I thought.

SENATOR DWORAK: Well my question to you, Senator DeCamp, is because you are more familiar with the bill than I am, in what section is the confidentiality of the mother protected and if you don't know maybe...

SENATOR DeCAMP: I don't know. I would have to start ferreting through this and putting pieces together again.

SENATOR DWORAK: Is Senator Johnson or Senator Hoagland on the floor?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes, they are here. I think they have been studying these sections pretty close. Maybe they would have a better answer. I would comment, if you want, on another point. The question was raised, why couldn't they, if that is unconstitutional, why couldn't they just sever it, and my answer to that would be, you are talking about a little different severability situation. They are going to say, well this is part of the whole informed consent complex, at least this is what I would think they would do, and obviously the informed consent isn't for the purpose you wanted. It is to find those doctors and get after them and I think that is going to wipe out risk, your whole informed consent, which is I guess about 40 or 50 percent of the whole purpose of the bill. So, play the game the way you want.

SENATOR DWORAK: Senator Venditte, are you striking the words on page 10, line 16?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Are you proposing a question of Senator Venditte?

SENATOR DWORAK: Yes.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Senator Dworak, yes, I am having that section stricken.

SENATOR DWORAK: Okay, that section says, the abortion reporting form required under this section shall not include the name of the person. That doesn't say physician now. That says person, upon whom the abortion was performed....

SENATOR VENDITTE: Okay now, can I answer your question....?