

should be no abortion under any circumstances. Others believe that the woman should have total freedom up to a certain point in the pregnancy to make an unfettered decision as to whether she will or will not have an abortion. Then in between those two positions are varying opinions, but on the position that Senator Labeledz is advocating by her amendment, there is a coming together of those two most extreme positions that if we are dealing with a situation where a woman is pregnant and she wants to take the pregnancy to term and she needs assistance, that assistance should be made available. To deny that assistance is, in fact, saying that the woman is left with no alternative. Reality is what a person perceives it to be, and if she feels that there is no way for her to make it through the pregnancy, the only thing left that this society offers is abortion or maybe suicide and those alternatives are not out of the question. There are women who have been pushed to such extremes that they have tried one or both. Sometimes they succeed at neither. Then they are wrecks and some people say, well, she got what she deserved, but I really don't feel that way. What Senator Labeledz is asking I think is very reasonable, I think it is decent and proper, and we ought to adopt her amendment. If we feel that the package here is more important than any subject that is going to be considered, then I think there has been a total abdication of our responsibility, not only as legislators, but as human beings. I think back to some of the types of resolutions that have received overwhelming support in this Legislature and I try to square that with what is being done with this Appropriations Committee proposal. I have to keep going back to the time we sent 27 senators to Washington to do nothing except get a free trip and have doors slammed in their faces, come back here with their tails between their legs, and say, well, we didn't accomplish anything but we tried. And everybody said, fine, you tried, you did all that was available for you to do and nobody is condemning you for having done it, but we do look at that junket and compare it to what is being done with these very important and significant items.

SENATOR LAMB: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I hope that it is possible on this proposition for us to obtain 25 votes. It is necessary and it shows truly a regard for human life like nothing else I can think of would do. We are talking about a woman in a