

somebody to do, in his behalf, that which the person is not qualified to do. The laws of Nebraska already achieve this purpose. The court was not setting down a requirement. It was setting down what the state may do if it chooses to do. And what Senator Labeledz is talking about, in 663, already is done in this state. What she is trying to do, with those others who are trying to push this kind of legislation, is separate out the abortion procedure from all other legal medical procedures and make it so burdensome and difficult that their hope is to discourage a woman, who has made up her mind to undergo this procedure, discourage her in every way possible from undergoing it. They talk about the trauma of the practice or the procedure, and nobody will disagree with that. But what they are advocating is not something to reduce the trauma or make it less difficult and onerous for a woman. They are trying to create a situation so fraught with confusion, disorientation, fear and other problems that they hope they will dissuade her from doing what she has decided to do after considerable thought. This is not an easy thing. It is often found that males, who dominate a body which makes decisions about females, show a terrible disregard for the welfare of women. In the same way that there are old people, like Reagan who is anti-old people, black people such as myself or what we call "Uncle Tom's" because they work against the interests of black people. There are women who don't show the sensitivity toward the problems of women that ought to be shown. When one has passed the point where it may be necessary to face this traumatic decision, it may be easy to assume what may be viewed as an objective or detached position. But for those to whom this is a very real situation, and a difficult one, the Legislature ought not be heaping up requirement after requirement to make it as difficult as possible. Nothing is ever said about the male who helped put the woman in this situation, the males who will impregnate women, then run off and not show any concern for that which is conceived, those who are so willing, as we have shown ourselves to be, to cut assistance to those children after they come into the world, all of this concern for the fetus. The only cut from the budget that was restored was one dealing with that which will become a child but has not yet become a child in this world and as soon as the child emerges from the womb the concern that the state pretends to have cuts off immediately and there is no assistance. The Legislature has shown, already, that it wants to cut those programs designed for the children who already are here. So, for what ever reason