

unfair. It is inappropriate. That's what it is, and to vote "yes" for this amendment, Senator Landis, is to vote "yes" for LB 78 because you're saying, I will not support any proposition or the proposition before us now whose aim is to nullify 78. I will vote against that nullification and I think that is something that a person ought not to do. This person speaking shall not do it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Morrissey, followed by Senators Robak, Hillman, Labeledz, Bernard-Stevens, Rasmussen, Crosby and Landis. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I rise to oppose the Lindsay-Landis amendment. Again, it's nice that we can find areas of agreement, but one of the areas I can't agree on is LB 78. I think it's...if we were discussing at this late date in the session the focal issue, the main issue of legality or illegality of abortion or something more to the point than LB 78, I wouldn't feel so bad about the bill being moved in the timely or untimely manner that it was brought before the body. But, again, I think 78 is simply nothing more than a bill to just add another hindrance on a woman who has already sat down, had the battle with herself, with her conscience, with possibly her husband, if there's one around, with her parents, if she can talk to them, with her clergy, if they're understanding, truly understanding. And if I thought LB 78 would in any way address the root of the problem of abortion, I could support it, but it does not, does not even begin to. What we have been discussing here does and I think that it would be very beneficial for us to move on with the Bernard-Stevens amendment. I talked to Senator Lindsay yesterday about these positive steps that we could all agree on and if something like this was brought, would he be willing to accept that. And his answer was straight out, not if it strikes the bill, and he was very up front about the reasons for that. But, again, I cannot support a bill that, in my opinion, doesn't respect the time and the thought that a woman has put into making a very important decision and says to them, we know you've thought it out but we think possibly you should think just a little bit longer. Once the decision is made, and it was...won't be an easy decision for the most part. Sometimes it will be very easy because the alternatives could be terrible. I don't think we need to say them...say to them at that time, wait a minute, you haven't thought it through thoroughly, think