

powerful women. This word "empowerment, she said in a tone of genteel distaste, I hear it as a male word. The womanly part of her, she said, just shrinks from it. Her speech sparked a hearty round of applause. In the early seventies, federal legislation enacted under intensive lobbyist's efforts by the National Organization of Women culminated in the Equal Opportunity Act of 1972. This act first cleared the way for women to enter broadcasting and print journalism in significant numbers. As a result, a group of women, who were to become the first prominent female newscasters of their generation, joined the networks around the same time. The "Class of '72", as they were later dubbed, included such well names as Jane Pauley, formerly of "Today's Show", former CBS White House correspondent Leslie Stahl, and MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour correspondent Judy Woodruff. Under the...

SENATOR WARNER: Time.

SENATOR ROBAK: ..(inaudible).

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Just a few quick observations and then I might share some of my time here. I haven't spoken much on the abortion issue, but it...just a brief outline of some of my interest on this and I know Senator Hillman and Senator Rasmussen have amendments pending here and I do oppose the Lindsay-Landis compromise on this issue because I would like to see...see us get back to some of the ways we can, in a positive sense, impact this issue. Seems to me one of the big concerns that is generated by the...and expressed by the pro-life movement is that it's too easy to have an abortion and it's easier to have an abortion than it is to bear a child and that's the concern and so the reaction is to make it harder to have an abortion. That is the goal. It's too easy to have an abortion so the goal is to make it harder to have an abortion. They accomplish this through the 24-hour waiting period and through the other attempts that have been made to put restrictions on access to abortion. Well, it seems to me that the other thing we could talk about is how first off we head-off the pregnancies in the first place and I think that's what Senator Hillman and Senator Rasmussen are talking about, and then, secondly, if that unwanted pregnancy should occur or unexpected pregnancy should occur, how do we change that balance where it's now easier to have an abortion