

SENATOR WARNER: Not quite.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Warner, members of the Legislature, we've had a little sidetrack here on the question of obligating or assessing responsibility here. Let me give my own insight on this point. Neals Borh (phonetic), who was a great, I believe, Danish physicist, said something which I think is incredibly profound. He said the opposite of a small truth is falsity, some falsity, but the opposite of a great truth is another great truth, that there are certain kinds of things which are reflections of each other and they are very powerful. Small things are true or false, but great things have a tendency to be true in one light and then, when looked from another point of view, may also be seen as having a truth, and one of the reasons we get locked into this debate with each other about these kinds of issues is because this is one of those issues that is a great truth; that the opposite point of view is also a great truth and one which we need to recognize and honor. I, as a pro-choice senator, do not denigrate what I think is the convictions of those who oppose me. I think that the truth that they represent has real value. I think, by the way, and this is somewhat of a personal confession on my part, that there is an ethical, moral dimension to the question of what we owe the fetus and that is a significant truth. I agree, by the way, with those who say that abortion has, as part of its aspect, a great deal of suffering and injury to the people involved. There is anguish involved with that option. I do not denigrate that truth which I see on the opposite side of this dilemma. I think that there is great anguish on the side of those who would be compelled against their will to carry to term a pregnancy. There is great anguish in the lives of people, families, young women in particular, and I don't think that there is an answer available to us that moves all the suffering and anguish on one side of the equilibrium and leaves the other without suffering, without pain. We will not be able to get through this by securing all truth on one side of the ledger. If that is the case, I come down to this judgment. Since there will be an assessment or a phenomenon of pain and...

SENATOR WARNER: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ..suffering, of moral and ethical conundrum and dilemma and anguish, it is not then for the state to choose which of those positions is right. It is for each of us individually to choose which side of the equilibrium we will live with and it is not for the state then to apportion this