

risk to future pregnancies. Although there is no evidence, it is possible with uncomplicated abortions. In the case of complicated abortions, there seems to be some risk of miscarriage in future pregnancies. In the case of childbirth, you can have tumors of the placenta and that can become malignant becoming a life-endangering situation for the woman. In the case of childbirth, there can be cardiovascular disease, and while in a normal pregnancy, you can have a 25 percent increase in cardiac output and a 40 or 50 percent increase in plasma volume, in the event you have cardiovascular problems, the increase in the need for...

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SENATOR LANDIS: ...oxygen because of the child, or the fetus requires the retention of water, salt, and weight gain, and what this means is that you can have greater strain on the woman's heart. In other words, once a woman is pregnant, whether you choose abortion or whether you choose childbirth, there are significant health risks. Better to have a commission studying ways and developing solutions so that teenage women do not get pregnant in the first place, whether it is through abstinence, whether it is through birth control, whether it is through sex education. We want to avoid these kinds of risks which are inescapable once pregnancy occurs for all women, and particularly for teenage women. There is a very significant task ahead for a commission able to study and develop solutions so that women do not face these kinds of risks in the case of pregnancy.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Mr. Speaker, members, I rise to support the Landis amendment. In fact, I love the Landis amendment because it gets to what we have been talking about, I hope, for most of the evening. What it does is it gets members of the Legislature focusing on the issues that we said should be focused upon, and, Senator Peterson, Senator Peterson, I just want...I want you to hear this because I have a feeling maybe you haven't heard me earlier in the evening when I was speaking to the fact that this was an opportunity for both sides to reach out and go down a new road together, and the importance of what we are talking about in unwanted pregnancies, and I think we all agree on that, and I