

the show another try but they claimed that the women were too tough and Foster especially wasn't sufficiently genteel. It would have to go. I said I can't review the show unless we have a casting change, Harvey Shepard, then senior vice-president of the program, recalls. Meg Foster came across...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR ROBAK: ...this role as being masculine. Recantation, however, wasn't enough to appease the network. In 1983, CBS cancelled "Cagney & Lacey." After tens of thousands of letters poured in from loyal viewers, an avalanche outstripping the last leading fan mail recall campaign for "Lou Grant" by ten to one after Tyne Daly, "Lacey," won the Emmy for best dramatic actress and after the show scored number one ratings in summer reruns, the network backed off and put the show back on the air. The program went on to win five more Emmys, including the best dramatic series. Nonetheless, in the fall of 1987, CBS pulled "Cagney & Lacey" from its regular time and reassigned it to a doomed time slot. By the following season, "Cagney & Lacey" was gone for good. Nesting will be a crucial theme this year for returning shows, the TV Guide announced at the start of the 1988 fall season, an observation that turned out to be somewhat of an understatement. On prime time series from "Cheers" to "Beauty and the Beast", "Designing Women" to "Newhart", "L.A. Law" to "Night Court," dozens of female characters succumb to baby...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time. Senator Chambers, you're next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I mean it when I say that I have really enjoyed the discussion that has been had on this bill this evening. I don't like the bill at all, LB 78. And I do believe that the contribution of the women is what has elevated this entire discussion. This has not been one of the snarling, growling, snapping types of affairs that generally befalls us when the issue of abortion is discussed. I think it is very significant and helpful when the persons who from experience understand the issue that is being discussed. No matter how sympathetic a man may be, all we can do is approximate, based on what we've read, what we've gathered through discussions, what the real heart of the issue would be. Women who have had children, women who may have contemplated not carrying a pregnancy to term can understand the agony that is really involved in what we're talking about should one face a situation where abortion might be a possibility. There hasn't