

have an abortion. Now men are afraid to go to the doctor. Do you think if they explained to a man that they might stick a needle in him that he's going to go to the doctor? No. When I was in the Army and they were taking a little blood out of our arms, guys were fainting. So they never describe in detail the procedure that a man is going to confront, but they make it sound like a woman is going to enter a chamber of horrors whether she's going to have a baby or an abortion. In torturing, the first degree is to show the implements. The second degree is to show them applied to somebody else. The third degree is the application of the instruments of torture on the individual.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What Senator Landis did was almost the third degree, although that's not what was intended.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Rasmussen, you're next.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise in support of the concept of this amendment. Senator Chambers has provided an insight which may impact whether or not I vote for this amendment. When I talked last time, I spoke about some of the issues that I would hope be addressed by the commission in terms of what is facing our adolescents today. But the other part of that is to look at the circumstances that lead women to believe that abortion is their only option. And I want to spend a few minutes talking about that and hope that I will have another time to talk about some concerns about why I would support the third part of the bill which is to replace it with this amendment by talking about some of my concerns about the messages about women that are reflected in LB 78. Let's talk a little bit, though, about what are the circumstances that women find themselves in that make them feel compelled that abortion is their only alternative. One of the most frequent reasons given is their income or lack of income. One of five children in the United States, 13.4 million children, live in poverty. In Nebraska, 86,000 children live in poverty. It's been about a 20 percent, about 20 percent of the children in Nebraska live in poverty. The incidence of poverty in this country is twice that...for children is twice that of adults. And since 1979, the U.S. child poverty rate has increased by one quarter, even though our nation's abundance as measured by the gross national