

33 percent of all abortion patients are women from that category. As my good friend, Howard Lamb, can tell you...

SENATOR LAMB: Even I could read that.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. But he has his glasses on. Let him try it without his glasses. As you can see by that fact, women with low incomes who are 15 percent of the population have twice that percentage of the total sum of abortions that we have in this country. We need to take into account the fact that low income women feel compelled to have abortions in much greater number than women with other economic opportunities. To me, this means that we have a very real potential for finding solutions. What was it about that status? Was it lack of medical care? Was it lack of day care? Was it lack of educational opportunity if they were saddled with a child to upbringing in a situation that they felt was hopeless? Was it lack of a support system? What answers could we define in a commission that might help women in that setting to deflate the number of abortions in that setting to the kind of settings and the kind of reactions that occur with women who have greater means? For example, women who are with incomes of \$24,999 are 29 percent of the population and 34 percent of all abortion patients, while women with \$25,000 or more of income are 56 percent of the population but only 33 percent of abortion patients. That means that there is a very direct relationship between income and economic well being and the sense of being compelled to get an abortion as a logical alternative. There is a good, usable, demonstrable set of problems out there that can serve as the agenda of a commission towards which we may be able to isolate and implement...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...solutions which could bring these numbers down, particularly in the low income area. It seems to me that if we design projects and programs and assistance, if we can produce results that bring their abortion experience down to their percentage of the population, we will have made a huge stride in reducing the number of abortions. About 25 percent of abortions are in that situation, abortions by low income women above their rate or their slice of the population pie, as it will, compared to the number of abortions that are experienced in this country on an annual basis. There is a 25 percent over experience among these people and these women with respect to