

role in some of the most sensitive personal and human situations. I would not disagree that we need some education, and we decided that in the Omaha School District. I'm telling each and every one of you that your school district should have the authority, and they do have the authority now, to handle any human development courses as the Omaha School District decided. It took months and months of meetings with the community in the Omaha School District before it was finally decided that the courses should be taught in the Omaha School District. Every school district in the State of Nebraska has the same opportunity, and, as I said, I do not disagree that there is more education needed in our schools. We also have human development courses in our Catholic schools, and it has been accepted by the members of the church, but they do approve the curriculum or the programs that will be performed in our schools. And I think that each and every one of you believe that local control of your school district and what they teach our children should be done by the local community. Education should focus on family values, stability in marriage, a sense of obligation towards other persons, and the willingness for our young people to accept the consequences of their own actions, and not education which is likely to motivate young people to even more sexual activity. The answer is not in shortcoming young people through school-based clinics, they just won't work, they will only make the situation worse. I oppose, and I hope you do too, spending tax money of this state on a bill with so many drawbacks and which will offend the sensibility of so many of our citizens in this state and especially the parents. I ask you to support my motion to indefinitely postpone LB 517. I further say that...leave it back again to the local school districts to decide what your children in your community will be taught. I thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Labeledz. Senator Hefner, then Senator Morehead.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support the kill motion this morning. I feel that the bill is a very broadly drafted bill, it covers many areas. It covers expanded sex education in schools; it is the condoning and the promoting of contraception and the counseling and referring for abortions and expressing an official state moral philosophy. The State of Nebraska, the State of Nebraska is not ready for this type of legislation, ladies and gentlemen, nor are our schools ready for this. Our schools in Nebraska are not ready