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answers to what we do. We either leave it to personal choice. It may be what...it may be in supporting the amendment that we have in front of us that says that people would...would be given the information and could decide whether they...they believe that it is an inarguable immorality. Or we get rid of it altogether, we just wipe it out. Why are existing cell lines acceptable that came from aborted fetal tissue if the cell lines that are developed in the future aren't acceptable? Could it be that it's because much of our medicine, much of what we've come to accept as medicine relies on those cell lines is from that...that genesis and we can't turn our backs on that because it is just too unacceptable for us? But we're going to say that we're doing something moral by ignoring that and moving forward? But I have a specific question that I'd like to pose to Senator Brashear if he would respond about a certain section of the bill. On Section 2, number 3, which is on page 4, it talks about the exceptions for when...for the use of human fetal tissue and...from induced abortions, and I wondered if he could answer for me whether the testing, the DNA testing, of fetal tissue from an abortion to determine the parentage of the fetus would be allowed in this situation...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...and let me make...cite a particular case. There was a case where...of a man charged with third degree sexual assault in the rape and impregnation of a retarded 13-year-old girl who had a voluntary abortion at 10 weeks. The tissue was then tested indicating that the defendant was the father of the fetus. Would this be allowed under LB 462, Senator Brashear?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, if you look at line 4, Senator Brown, pathological testing of a dead, unborn child; an autopsy on or pathological testing of.

SENATOR BROWN: Pathological testing has to do with the genesis of the disease. It does not necessarily have to do with testing for...for...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.