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remaining in him to carry this thing much further. That aside, I would point out just two things, and then I'll shut up and sit down. Thing one: this bill does not ban research. It bans research funded with taxpayers' money in a taxpayer supported facility. Those who think this type of research should go on should start a fund, open a bank account, get contributions; not use money exacted by taxpayers of the state of Nebraska who believe that it is not a proper use of their tax money. Secondly, and this actually is the...my main point, to have a debate, to have a discussion or an argument, call it what you will, if it's to be useful there has to be a predisposition on all sides, and there are a number of sides here, this is not a two-sided question, there has to be a predisposition on all sides to accept the truth if the truth is convincingly presented, and I would offer to you that that has never been the case in the soon to be eight hours, we're four minutes away, in the soon to be eight hours of time that we have spent debating this bill. No one's mind has been changed. This is beyond an intellectual decision. This is a visceral decision. It's a decision brought by each person's examination of his own moral code, and that I think is not subject to change, now or on the 9th of January 2002. But I say that we move on. I say that we should support this bracket motion. And Senator Schimek I think is very right. When we bring it up again next year nothing will have changed because nothing will have been accomplished. These researchers are akin to people in a dark room playing darts. There's a dartboard in there somewhere and people keep shoveling in darts, oh, we call it also money, and they keep throwing darts hoping that one of the walls they hit will have the dartboard on it. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: I'll call the question.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.