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entity. So I think that we have to go back to what we, in our own hearts, understand to be a criminal act in the state of Nebraska. And I think that this is an important measure to be established, and I...I'm very favorable to a law dealing with the...with an act that effects the death of an infant child. I think that has been long overlooked in the state of Nebraska. I think we need that. I was criticized in Nebr...in North Platte for not jumping on the bandwagon with Senator Foley's initial proposal, which even Senator Foley is backing away from with his own amendment. And I think that people don't generally understand what we do in this Legislature. I don't think that they understand that when a bill is proposed that if you...if you think it's a good idea, that doesn't necessarily make it a good law. And I think that we are doing what you have to do as a Legislature. You discuss the issues, what's the ramification of this, what...how is this going to affect people, and until we go through that...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BRUNING: ...exercise, I think that...that the public is not being served. I think it's not enough to have just a good idea. It's enough to have an idea that we can live with and that the state of Nebraska can proudly say that we have established a law that our people can understand. And, with that, I...I'm very supportive of Senator Brashear's amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move a priority motion, that motion being to recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this bill is out here because some senators felt pressure from Right to Life. They had to give a vote on something that would give them cover. As a result, the green copy of the bill came