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me begin my 5-minute segment here with an e-mail I just received a moment ago from Dr. Sara Landgren, Associate Principal, Southwest High School, Lincoln, Nebraska: Dear Senator Foley: As a public school administrator and NSEA legislative committee representative, I would like to thank you for introducing and supporting LB 172, to eliminate the requirement on schools to distribute information concerning parental notification and judicial waiver. I've contacted other Lincoln senators to encourage their support. Senator Schimek has been very honest and forthright in her description of her amendment. Her amendment does precisely what she says it does. It guts my bill and restores the mandate. It continues the requirement that the public schools must be the delivery agents of abortion information to students. That's what her amendment is all about. On the surface, it might look like she is just changing one word, "bypass" to "waiver." What the amendment is really all about is gutting the bill and forcing the public schools to continue to prescribe abortion information to students. She's been very honest about that and I appreciate that. Obviously, I urge the defeat of AM2066. But, in a roundabout way, I want to thank Senator Schimek for offering this amendment because I think this is going to help expedite the entire debate on this bill. Let's take this to a record vote. Let's see how many senators think that the public schools ought to be used as a delivery agent for abortion information, and I think that's...that will give us a clue as to where we are going to go on this bill this morning. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Foley. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I wholeheartedly support Senator Schimek's amendment. I wholeheartedly support the right of a woman to choose whether or not to carry an abortion...I meant a pregnancy to term. I fully support the right of a woman to choose to obtain a legal abortion. And I am miffed at the fact that men, especially white men, who are oppressing not only nonwhite people but white females too, are the ones who want to put into the law oppressive pieces of legislation suggesting that legal remedies, which are in the statute, ought not be made available to those for whose benefit they exist. If we were to ask the people in