

sure, in the halls of Chambers of Commerces throughout the state, the ringing speeches that they have made on this floor, the denunciations that they have made in committee sessions. I am fascinated by how powerful this bill is going to be, how many votes it is going to get and how many of those votes are from people who daily bow down to the idea of local control and the inherent superiority of local decision makers to make decisions close to home. Well what have we said with LB 125? We said to Grand Island, we said to Columbus, we said to Valentine, you can't decide. Your people don't get to come to you and argue this issue. We are going to tell you what to do. In the letters I have received I have heard time and time again, I don't want my tax dollars spent for an insurance program that has abortion coverage and that is fine. I respect that opinion. If, in the City of Lincoln, my constituents don't want the school board or the city council to have such a policy, they can go to the school board and the city council and argue for it and that is their right and I respect it and I will stand by it but that is not what is going on here. What they are saying now is, I don't want your tax dollars where you are in your political subdivision to go in a way that I find reprehensible with my moral convictions. It is the voters of Grand Island telling Columbus what they will not have in the Columbus health insurance policy. It is the voters of Valentine who are telling the Rushville School Board what they can and cannot write in their insurance policy and it is not at all the idea of somebody being in control of their own tax dollars and having those tax dollars spent according to their moral perceptions but, in fact, coercing other people into making moral decisions with tax dollars that they themselves support even though they are not a member of that political subdivision and that is what we are a party to today and I want everyone who makes a habit of using that magic term "local control" to remember that because I certainly will as I watch LB 125 dance across that board towards Final Reading. I am going to support Senator Wesely because I think he puts the hammer right on the issue and I know there will be at least two votes on that amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Dworak, do you want to talk on the amendment, the Wesely amendment?

SENATOR DWORAK: I wish to talk on the amendment. Mr. President and colleagues, Senator Landis gave a very, very elegant speech on local control and I am happy to see he is such a stalwart, such an advocate of that local control concept, however, I did note this morning on LB 81 on Final Reading, on LB 82E, on LB 140, on LB 141, on LB 65E, all measures that dictates something to local government, Senator