

of Nebraska, and under this bill any subdivision of the state, will not have insurance coverage for abortions. However, and this needs to be underlined though it has been touched on earlier, the encouragement is for a woman to attempt to give herself an abortion or to have somebody else do it. Then the complications created thereby will be covered by the insurance policy. That is stupid. That not only is stupid, it is vicious, and let me tell you why I say it is vicious. Viciousness comes into a situation when people are aware of the evil that they are affirmatively creating but have no regard for it, will not do anything to mitigate it, but will continue after it has been brought to their attention to go for those kind of things that will encourage that evil. Now if the people who call themselves pro, well, I get them mixed up. The ones who are for this bill, antichoice...I was coached. If those who are antichoice say that they do not want insurance coverage for those who would seek an abortion but they have no objection to the insurance coverage for those who may be butchered as a result of going to some other person because they can't afford to pay for the abortion out of their pocket, that is all well and good. That is okay. As a matter of fact, that might be offered as one of the virtues of this program. If you run enough of these women to the butchers and they get killed, then that will be a deterrent. They will then have so much fear put in them of dying that they won't get an abortion at all. Then they will birth into the world a bouncing baby boy or girl who because of being brought here under the circumstance of the case will wind up like the little tyke pictured in the photographs handed around by Senator Haberman. I don't see any reason for us not to discuss any aspects of this ugly issue because it is ugly. There is no need for us to pretend that it can be divorced from emotion because the word that brings out the emotion, namely "abortion", is a part of the bill and it always boggles my mind how people who are sent down here to represent their constituents, they say, will on certain occasions be swayed by opinion polls in the newspaper, and on other occasions disagree with those polls and say they make no difference. It is a matter of personal prejudice that determines a lot of the statements made on this floor and the positions taken. I remember when I was attending Creighton, I used to ridicule the Catholic students because they wouldn't eat meat on Friday but they would commit fornication and they would laugh and admit it. Fornication is illicit sexual contact between unmarried adults. Now they would laugh at it but they would show me all of the psychological and metaphysical reasons why meat shouldn't be eaten on Friday. So I thought that was entrenched in Catholic dogma as much as the Virgin birth but, lo and behold, a decision was made that meat could be eaten on Friday and I think there was a run on the meat