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of Nebraska a young girl, fifteen years of age, came to Omaha and obtained an abortion. After she was released from the clinic or the center or the doctor's office, she drove two hundred and eighty-five miles and at the same time she was driving home with two of her friends, she was bleeding, vomiting and was very dehydrated before she got home to her family doctor who at that point was not able to administer any blood transfusions or anything without notifying the parents. Now this is absolutely what we are trying to get at. We are trying to protect those people that come miles and miles away and they have no proper follow-up medical care, even in Omaha, where the abortions are performed and as I say, I am not doing this for Omaha. I would do it for any part of the state and if I could do it for any other state in the union I would do it. We are just asking that the clinic be licensed as a clinic or the center and that the rules and regulations of the state with proper follow-up medical care is administered or given to every patient. When she walks through that door she should be assured that if there are any complications that she will have the follow-up care that is necessary, especially when they are young children, minors under age and I urge the passage of LB 466, the advancement of the bill to E & R initial, and I do not support...I'm sorry, we are talking on the kill motion of Senator Marsh and I think what we have to do first is defeat Senator Marsh's move to indefinitely postpone LB 466.

SENATOR CLARK: Motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Marsh moves to indefinitely postpone the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Senator Labeledz keeps trying to say she is guaranteeing protection for these young women. There is no way to guarantee protection when a young teenager drives into Omaha because there are no abortion facilities outstate and chooses to leave Omaha. What possible good does it do to say the doctor has to remain in Omaha when the young woman has driven however many miles that Senator Labeledz was telling us about? That is no guarantee for the patient. This is a farce. There is not a doctor in this legislative body but we are saying we know much more than the medical profession how this procedure should be handled, and if this is a medical procedure which takes place in Omaha, every Omaha hospital has an emergency room which can and should take care of a medical emergency, whether that medical emergency is following an appendectomy, a gall bladder operation, a prostate operation, a tonsillectomy or any other medical procedure. That is what a medical