

what we are talking about here today, and that we have been talking about the entire session. Thank you. I will try to put my light...

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Bernard-Stevens, please.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body. Senator Lamb struck kind of a chord in me as well, and I always get intrigued in these kind of situations where you get two groups that is like a bunch of children on a playground, and I am one of the children, and they get really excited and really mad at each other. Somebody comes in and says, what is going on here, why are you doing this, who started it? And all the arms go the opposite direction. One side says they started it, they are doing it, and, of course, the other side says, no, no, they are the ones that brought it up in the first place, and it is fun...it is not fun. It is intriguing to watch adults do that in a Legislature, and I don't want to do that. I would like to approach it more simply, if I can, on an adult level. We all have responsibilities for our actions. Whether we vote on Senator Lindsay's amendment or not makes no difference because both sides, pro-choice and pro-life, have decided who their friends and enemies are, and both sides are going to have ridiculous things, such as what the pro-choice handed out today, stating why these are our friends, and who is kind of a friend, and who is almost a friend, and if they change their ways, they might be our friend, and we don't like them, and they will never be our friend. Both sides will have that, and I laughed at how childish it is, and why are we acting so childish, and, again, I am one of the children. It is because we have something that is so emotional, so deep down instilled in all sides that we would like to do, and you and I are put into a body of government that deals with compromise and deals with give and take in order to make democracy work. But on this particular issue deep down in the souls of all people here, they know that there is little give and take because both sides are denying that. There is no compromise and here we are as adults trying to find a way to pass one side or another of a point of view in a system that forces us to try to compromise, and I think Nebraskans have been pretty smart on that for a long time. I think they understand better than maybe we do that governments cannot make these kind of decisions. They just can't. Oh, they can make a decision in a particular state that is going to be challenged in a court or that is going to come back next year. It can be done but not in this body with this make-up of senators.