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any time for both sides, and it is an issue that when you are dealing on March 30th with a few days left in the session, it just makes it that much tougher but, so what?

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR HALL: It is a tough issue. Let's deal with it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schimek, please, followed by Senator Nelson.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President, and members of the body, Senator Hall, I am really pleased that you got up to talk because I think that this has been a rather one-sided, lopsided debate this morning and now into the afternoon, and you said some things that really I think were sincere and that I would like to respond to. You know, I think it is probably true that the majority of people in this Legislature are kind of in the middle, and believe it or not, I consider myself to be one of those who are kind of in the middle who, because of the debate, had to choose up sides, and it might surprise you to know, it might surprise some others on this floor to know that even though I am standing before you today speaking against the notification bill and probably will speak against the waiting period bill, there is no way that I probably would ever vote for funding for abortions because I believe that it is such a personal matter that government ought not to be involved in it in any way, shape or form. And I do think that many Nebraskans share that particular point of view and share that middle-of-the-road ambivalence, if you will, kind of stance on all these different issues that come down to the abortion issue. And you can't say you are one way on one thing, and one way on another, you are not supposed to be able to do that but, yet, many of us would like to do that. But you talked about something that is pretty near and dear to my heart, and you talked about the fact that we really should be looking at better ways to educate those young people. We ought to be looking at better ways to prevent these pregnancies in the first place, and I would agree with you 100 percent. And I don't know if you recall or not, but earlier on this floor this session, my priority bill, LB 514, went down in flames, you might say, upon first reading and that bill was maybe not perfect, maybe it could have been crafted in another way, maybe there was a section or two that should have been left out of it, but that bill was a comprehensive health education bill that would have