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LB 642

we read about, Senator Hefner, every day in the newspaper in Nebraska and throughout the country. LB 642 is not going to solve every problem. It's not going to stop homicides in Omaha.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: It's not going to stop violence in our society. But I think it's this Legislature saying to the citizens of Nebraska, number one, we hear you. We hear the 90 percent of you who say let's do something about this problem. We're not simply going to listen to special interests here, but we're going to listen to the people. We're going to listen not just to the people who respond to telegrams that go into your district but we're going to listen to the people who really know and care and live in the neighborhoods who want policies in our state that represent the kind of people we are, every one of us, and that is caring people who care about each other and this is that kind of legislation. There's just no other way of looking at it. It's pro life legislation, it's sustaining life legislation, it's caring legislation, it's simple, it's easy to administer. There's absolutely no reason on this earth why we can't do this other than there is a very, very, very strong lobby...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR ASHFORD: In this country that says, no, you can't. That's extremely unfortunate but it's very true. But in any event with that I realize the 30 votes are not there. I appreciate the patience of the body in hearing me out again on this issue. And, again, I guess we'll have to work on this again next year and hopefully I can convince enough people that there are rational ways to deal with the problem. Time less (sic)?

SPEAKER BARRETT: No.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Okay.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question is the overrule of the agenda. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record please.

CLERK: 3 ayes, 16 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to overrule the agenda.