

something else other than that. The specter is before us at this particular point. One of the things that I've dealt with eternally, as you all have, is what am I going to do when the issue comes? This isn't an issue that is going to be voted on by the public, this is an issue that's going to be voted on the particular 49 that were put in here on this particular day. And I asked a lot of people in my particular district, and really when I went throughout the state on LB 1059 hearings, or whether it was the higher education hearings that I went also across the state on, I also took as much time as I could to ask people what they thought. And the one thing that I find time and time again Nebraskans are telling me, and they may tell you differently, I may have talked to the only Nebraskans in the state that feel that way, is that they had a deep, deep concern over the number of abortions that are done nationally and in the State of Nebraska. I found very few people who liked the idea of abortions being used on demand, though, those are open for interpretations when you get into the right of choice. I found very few that liked, for example, what Senator McFarland, the topic he brought up. They liked the topic he brought up, they agreed with Senator McFarland when they said abortions should not be used, for example, because you didn't like the sex of a child, and they agreed with you, the people I've talked to, and certainly I would agree. I don't think that's done in Nebraska, but nonetheless the concept, we are in total agreement. But where things begin to break down and where they break down here is what is the role of government when it comes into the deeply emotional issues? What is the role of government? And in protecting the rights of the unborn, do we take away rights of those that are born, if you wish, and what is the trade-off? Or is there a way that we can maintain both rights and yet still try to protect as much as we can the rights of the unborn? Those are where things become very, very grey. Given the other set of circumstances out there today, and I'm going to be critical of both sides, and that includes myself, we have a group of people in the state and nationally that are pro-choice so much, and I don't like those terms pro-choice because we're all making choices, that they would be willing to sacrifice anything and everything to get what they want. They'd be willing to sacrifice anything, mental retardation bills or funds, school refinancing funds, any other thing that was on the agenda, they didn't care. And that, to me, is appalling to be that narrow. And yet we have people on the other side that call themselves pro-life, and I think all of us are pro-life, who would be willing to sacrifice anything and everything for that