

sides by that point upset with what I was doing. But I guess the point made is that so many Nebraskans are so concerned about the number of abortions but they want to maintain the woman's right to choose. I have had so many Nebraskans say, I am pro-life but I agree with the right of a woman to choose, why can't I do that? And the reason you can't do that is because neither side will let you do that. It reminds me of the days of the Vietnam War. You couldn't come out and say at some point, well, I'm not sure, you know, I support my country, I want to do so, I don't think we should be in Vietnam type of thing. If you took that type of approach, you were chastised on both sides. You were either for it or you were against it. And, at some point, there were no sides because if you weren't for it, then you had to be against it. And if you weren't against it, then you had to be for it. And if you were in the middle, then you were just an idiot. And we have that same type of environment here. When we get that type of environment where both sides want something badly, very badly, to the point that they will sacrifice anything and everything to get it, think back in history when societies and cultures, ideologies, have picked up that philosophy that both sides have picked up now, and that is winning is at all costs, winning, regardless of what it takes. And we're going to force people to see it our way or we're going to have retribution. How many times have you seen the pro-choice people saying, if you haven't done this, we're going to vote against you? Pro-life people say, if you haven't that, we're going to vote against you; people trying to force you into a position that you may not feel comfortable with being. And how many people have had enough audacity and nerve to stand up to that? Not many. Not many. They're scared to death. They're scared to death. And to be perfectly honest, I am too. But when we get to a point where bills are offered no matter what the issue and we're going to have no debate, no amendments all the way through, I can't handle that, I don't care what the issue. And, of course, I go back to the point that I always want to keep stressing because I don't want it to be lost anywhere in the record. When people come back and say to me, but you understand why we did that, Dave, is because of what you and others did on LB 769, parental notification. You forced us to do that, and I think the article in the paper by my friend, Julie, who I have never met, to my knowledge, was there's street fighting and we're being gentlemen, now we have to street fight as well. Everybody conveniently forgets one particular concept on LB 769 last year, that the body actually got to debating the bill. We actually did. Both sides were brave enough to allow