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been as clear as I can be when it comes to in my, would I, if I was faced with a vote on whether I would take away the right of the woman to choose. I would not take that right away. That is as clear as I can be and I have made that consistently even when I went to the Lincoln County pro-life last election and talked to them directly to that. I have also said as clear as I can that I think most Nebraskans are concerned with the amount of abortions that are taking place and we need to work to reduce that. But by government getting that involved in moral decisions...

SENATOR HEFNER: One minute.

SENATOR LABEDZ: ...is not going, that is not going to be the answer. That is not going to solve the problems that we have. I have been as clear as I can. And when a senator is faced with that, then they have to use their best judgment and when you, if you force the senator to make a moral decision in the Legislature, then he or she is going to have to make that moral decision based on their personal conscience. That's the way it works and it is difficult to say the least. I was in my own committee doing those things. I did talk with some constituents in North Platte and to be quite honest with you, they were very rude at the end and when they faced with people that are, that are not going to freely exchange views, but are simply going to attack and be rude, you know at some point you just can't. You have other things you have to do and unfortunately on both sides of the issue, that has taken place and that is the nature of the issue. I have more of Senator Bernard-Stevens'...

SENATOR HEFNER: Time.

SENATOR LABEDZ: I'm sorry, I'm out of time but I'm sure there might be someone here that will give me some more time.

SENATOR HEFNER: Thank you, Senator Labedz. Senator Korshoj. Senator Smith, why do you rise?

SENATOR SMITH: I would like to make a point of personal privilege, please. I rise on a point of personal privilege. I have been handed out, which I know everyone else in the body has received a copy of a release, which deals with a charge which is made against the Speaker of this body. And we all know that we have sides on this issue and I'm not speaking for either side. What I'm doing now is speaking for this Legislature and I'm