

that full personhood occurs at birth. Although I and no one else knows. Scientifically, they do not know. I visited with my pediatrician at home, and as he said, 21 to 24 weeks. The terminology used in LB 425 are perspectives of some of the Catholic religions, some of the Fundamentalists, as who believes that life begins at conception, and that their conviction should be written into our laws. I have no quarrel with people holding their own religious beliefs or personal convictions but I do reject to that being put into law. This amendment just appropriately reflects the differences of opinion among people regarding the legal status of the embryo or fetus, and it represents a respect for the religious diversity that we have in this body. I might share with you, this is a bulletin that did come out from the Nebraska Coalition for Life, and it goes through the various terminology, and from time of conception, and it calls it at 12 weeks, the fetus has been backlighted to show the bone growing process. At 16 weeks, in four weeks that have elapsed between the picture of one, it shows the stretched fetus. I shall go on to 18 weeks, the fetus measuring more than six inches; 28 weeks, it goes to the growing baby. My amendment would just simply change the terms to the more medical terms that we...most of us know, and that is simply all it would do. Five weeks, the baby is still termed as embryo, and goes on down to the terms of 8 weeks, and the transition from embryo to a fetus. That is all my amendment would simply do.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Nelson. I will go down the speaking list and see if you wish to speak on this amendment by Senator Nelson. Senator Pirsch. Senator Nelson, your light is on. Senator Crosby, do you wish to speak on this amendment?

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This amendment, in particular, bothers me because I do feel that it is just simply another one of those discussions about our words, semantics, that don't mean anything to the bill, and the basic thing we are talking about. As I listened again to Senator Rasmussen, she is such a thoughtful woman, and she said some of the things I said a year ago, and I have said in the interim when I have visited with people on both sides of this issue, is we do not listen to each other. And we are doing it again. We are not listening to each other. All we want to argue about things, for instance, of what we call the "unborn baby". It is an unborn baby, and the doctor, whose name I can't bring up, in the famous Tennessee embryo case, his testimony was so telling about the DNA, the very beginning, when the cells meet. The DNA is imprinted from