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that if you violate what, in effect, is their religious tenet, you commit a crime and will...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...be punished by the state.

SPEAKER BAACK: Next speaker, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President and members of the body, I am going to be very brief but I just have to respond to Senator Crosby because, Senator Crosby, I think what you have identified as trivial and just words is, indeed, the heart of the matter, the crux of the matter. It is the reason that we have spent day after day, after day on the floor of this Legislature debating this issue. There is profound difference among the members of this body, among the members of the general public, about the very question of when does life actually begin. I think that we can't have discussed it all of this time without realizing that that is where our differences lie. And, you know, I respect you for your beliefs, and I know that you respect me for mine, but they are not just words. They are not just words. They have a lot to do with what this whole argument is all about. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't recall, Senator Schimek or Senator Nelson, when you entered the Unicameral, in what year, but I know that Senator Chambers is well aware of the fact that in 1977 we had the Criminal Code, which was LB 38, that took days, and days, and days of debate. I can't even recall if he objected to this part but let me read you what is now in our Criminal Code. Section 28-325, Abortion, Declaration of Purpose. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the following provisions were motivated by the legislative intrusion of the United States Supreme Court by virtue of its decision removing the protection afforded the unborn. Section 28-325 and 345 are in no way to be construed as legislatively encouraging abortions at any stage of unborn human development, but are rather an expression of the will of the people of the State of Nebraska and the members of the Legislature to provide protection for the life of the unborn child whenever possible; that the members of the Legislature expressly deplore the destruction of the unborn human lives