

believe if we do have laws or court decisions that regulate the matter of abortion, I think they should be national in scope. If we were to enact LB 78, what would be the practical implication of doing that? Do the states surrounding Nebraska have a 24-hour waiting period? Would the young women in the western part of the state be disadvantaged more than those in the eastern part of the state? Would...would people go out of state to seek abortions? I don't know the answers to all of those questions but every time we enact a law that's different from our neighbors we have that potential problem or happening. So just to wrap up on that idea that we've got so many things that we have in common that we should be working on, I would like to finally add that my own political party, which you all know I've been active in for some years, ten years ago, in 1982, decided to respectfully disagree. We have been fighting over the issue of abortion for years, literally years, very angry, heated debates on the floor of our state conventions. And, in 1982, we decided to drop the party platform that respected each other's rights to be active and to be advocates in those areas. And I really think that maybe some day the Legislature can get to that point too. I am going to support the Hillman amendment and the Bernard-Stevens amendment because I think that that's...those are the areas that we can agree on. I think that we can agree on this task force and I think that we can accomplish real things in these areas. The problem is when...part of the problem is, as you and I both know, that there are a lot of unwanted pregnancies in this world and there are a lot of studies out there that show...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...the kinds of problems that are brought on by these unwanted pregnancies. They find that they are psychological and social problems for all of the lives of these children of unwanted pregnancies. Wouldn't it be far better, I think we can both agree on this, than solving the unwanted pregnancies with abortions, wouldn't it be far better to prevent the pregnancies in the first place? And we have so many things that we can agree on in that area that I would just like to see us take that very positive light. I think Senator Hillman and Senator Rasmussen have begun working in this direction. I applaud their efforts. I support their efforts and I would be willing to help, my staff would be willing to help at any...at any point in time. But I don't think we're ever going to agree about LB 78. Thank you.