

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Nelson, you're next.

SENATOR NELSON: I don't know as I have an awfully lot to add of what our discussions are today. But I have to keep coming back to the point that this is a family problem, this is a private...within the family, the doctor and those associated. And I think I see statistics where the husband is consulted, other family members are consulted. In many, many cases, their own minister, they are consulted on what is the best for that family and what is...what should be done in this very unfortunate situation. I would hope that this body would have the ability to see that this issue is probably a single issue. We senators down here are elected to serve and to study and legislate on a broad, broad base of issues and I think it's unfortunate, it just comes around and around. We're not going to solve anything here. We all know that. We should be statesmen. We should say let's study, let's see what we can do. I don't know if studying will do any good. The teenage pregnancy is not only a problem in Nebraska it's a problem everywhere that we have today. So I think that we could stand here and debate this for a solid week and we may or may not...we may or may not change very many people's minds and I'm not sure that we will keep any young girl from becoming pregnant. I don't think it's going to make any difference. I think it becomes a basic value of the home and in our school system and to help these children and people and it is the older women too, it's not necessarily that everything in life is perfect. I think, too often, we, as the legislators here think that we must legislate, we must demand what people somewhat dance to our tunes and they're not going to do that. We cannot legislate a matter as private as this in any family and I think that we need to realize that and go on to our own business and our own legislation and the issues that are confronting us yet today. And, with that, I do hope that you support the Hillman amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Before I proceed to the next speaker, I would like to introduce some guests of the Legislature. We have guests of Senator Peterson and Dierks and they are 42 fifth graders from the Elkhorn Valley Elementary School in Tilden, Nebraska and their teachers. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. The next speaker is Senator Landis.