

because of what the Bernard-Stevens amendment does. And he said that it strikes the original section and then it brings the focus at the end to saying that members of the Legislature on both sides of the abortion issue should diligently work together to find the best possible solution for all citizens of Nebraska. The Legislature, with Senator Hillman's amendment, then can consider a task force to address adolescent pregnancies. Senator Rasmussen then goes on to point out the need to understand abortion and the issues and the women involved in them and what gets them to that point. I saw senators come in, enter the house, call of the house, sit down and some senators ready to push a button without really listening to what we're saying. I do not understand how people could oppose possibly trying to get at the main issue. As I have said, I am the freshman senator here and, as I was coming down here to Lincoln and people would say to me, on the abortion issue, time out, time out, would everyone quit railing against one another and get at what the problem really is. We're tired of it, we're tired of you spending your time. We're tired of the lack of progress and you seem to be missing the bigger picture. The bigger picture happens to be what Senator Rasmussen's and Senator Hillman's amendments speak to. A closed mind is a very dangerous thing. And so I know that oftentimes, as these debates go on, people stop listening, but I wish that you really would listen. I wish that you really would think about what I think is a real opportunity here. I think it's an opportunity for the Legislature to go down a new road. I think it's an opportunity for certain senators who may be ending their term here in this Legislature to lead...to take the lead on this and to say, I recognize the fact that it's time to get at the heart of the problem. I recognize the fact and I'll lead the way to bringing the two sides together, and I would think it would be one of the best things possible and I have great confidence and I wish so that, Senator Labeledz, when I was talking to you earlier and asking you to answer some of the questions, I wanted to get to the invitation that you lead the way, that you lead the way in the new direction for the Legislature to go and that, as you end your last session, that you could do nothing that could make people more proud of your leadership in this area than to say, time out, enough is enough, I recognize that we must start concentrating on what the real problem is. We must start concentrating on why young women or any women have unwanted pregnancies. What gets them there? I saw a television program in which they were interviewing someone and they said, probably the greatest contraceptive in the world is hope. Hope,