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PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...is at hand, but that's not what we hear. We hear a strange silence from the children of the master because now they are in a position where they have to back their professed principles and values with a vote. This amendment would strike everything from the bill except the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator McKenzie would like to announce that there are 12 seniors here from Hampton High School in Hampton, Nebraska and their teacher is with them. They are in the north balcony. Will you all stand and be recognized, please. Welcome. Senator Lindsay, your light is next, followed by Senators Pirsch, Dierks, Crosby and Chambers.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President, members, this amendment will continue the debate on the policy set forth in the bill. It really isolates the policy that we are discussing this morning. It takes out...this does not address that part of the bill that includes the committee amendments, the prenatal care. It gets down to the crux of the bill itself, so it, I think, is appropriate that the discussion continue on the merits of the bill. And, with that, I would like to, if I could, ask Senator Pirsch a couple of questions.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Pirsch, what...the theory behind...you've spoken several times this morning and I know there's been quite a bit that you've discussed, but what is...if you could say in a sentence or two, what is the policy that we're...what is the primary reason for passing this bill? Is it to...

SENATOR PIRSCH: The primary reason...

SENATOR LINDSAY: ...save money? Is it to discourage births?

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...for passing this bill is that other states