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PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Chambers, your light is on, do you wish to continue?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, and I'd like to ask Senator Lindsay a few questions if he doesn't mind.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Lindsay, have some people, in speaking for this amendment, discussed how important, in their opinion, it is to get a message to the Nebraska Supreme Court by adopting this amendment?

SENATOR LINDSAY: I think so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, did you hear Senator Kristensen talk about how...

SENATOR LINDSAY: I rarely listen to Senator Kristensen, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, did you hear Senator Matzke say something to the effect that you've got to say what you mean, let them know what this means?

SENATOR LINDSAY: I'm not...I assumed they had.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did you say that?

SENATOR LINDSAY: I have in the...I don't know if I said, sent a message, but I think it's clear that the Legislature disagrees with that. I can say send a message if that's what you'd like.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, no, I want to get what you feel. Even if there...if there's a 50-50 chance that this would be struck down as unconstitutional and carried 1296 with it, you think it's important enough to tell the Supreme Court what the Legislature thinks about appellate court decisions to take that risk?

SENATOR LINDSAY: To answer that question as phrased, no. But it assumes the 50-50 that I disagree with.