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subject of extensive debate any number of times in this chamber, and I think the thing speaks for itself. I urge everyone to support this. I think that this and the following division, the fourth division, is necessary to make of the LB 480...Senator Schimek's amendment to LB 480 acceptable to anyone who is a pro-life advocate, as I am and will continue to be. That's really all I have to say. I'm sure that Senator Chambers will have further comments and I may or may not comment on them. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Further discussion on the Tyson amendment, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the body; Mr. President and members of the body. I would just simply urge you to vote against this amendment. I really do think that the amendment that is before you, the Schimek amendment, does cover the issue and, as I told you yesterday, it really does mirror what is already in state statute, and it just says that no money shall be used to promote abortion, to refer to abortion, referral for abortion or abortion services. And it also...I'm covering both three and four right now, but it also does allow the Department of Health to accept monies that are in keeping with the policies of the department. So I really would ask you just to vote against these next two amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers, on the Tyson amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I am opposed to Senator Tyson's amendment. What I wish we could do, even those people who say that they're pro-life, is not convert every bill into a piece for advocating a propaganda position. I read from a letter giving strong support to this bill, as drafted, from Creighton University College of Medicine...or Health, whatever it was...let me look at that to be sure that I don't misstate the origin of that letter. Oh, yeah, the Creighton University School of Medicine. In addition to that, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, the Nebraska Academy of Physician Assistants, AARP, the Voice of Midlife and Older Women are groups in support of this bill as written. I can understand that Senator Tyson may want to make a