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things and not to let personalities enter in. So the...but the second thing, I don't think this amendment hurts. I think it helps because it gives what...it gives us the opportunity about what I've been talking about--to review the bill, to review the legislation and see if it is doing what it's supposed to do and then, if you want to renew it, you can. And that's not simple. I've seen people fight sunset laws on...sunset amendments on this floor and listen to what they say, no matter what...what they were trying to sunset, so it isn't always easy. It doesn't just happen. And I think that will give...that will be an incentive to review the program to be sure that it is working the way we think it will work. I will...I will say, too, that I am very disturbed. I don't want the abortion clinics to benefit from any of the money that might come in to the state into this fund that will...eventually, as I understand it, there will be grants available, but from...from...because it pains me when I go down South Street in Lincoln at 37th and South and there's an abortion clinic. It pains me that they are doing abortions there. I can't stop them, but I can perhaps do some things to hinder any money coming in to them that they don't need for that purpose. So, from that point of view again, I am going to vote for LB 480. I voted for it originally a year ago and I have relied on what I feel are women who are involved every day, professionally, in medical ethics and who are working in women's health issues and so on who feel that this bill is a good one and that it will serve a need that we have in this state having to do with women's health. So I'm not telling anybody to vote for or against the bill. You have to make up your own minds. Use some common sense about it whether you think that it's a good idea or a bad idea, but I just want everyone to understand why I'm voting for it. I will continue to support it, unless something happens by Final Reading that we would feel that some money might go to those organizations. I don't want that to happen. And we have an organization here in Lincoln that's going through this...same concerns about money that people donate going to, and they use the word education, they use the word educational materials. Well, one of the things that concerns me about the pro-choice movement is that it always seems that the choice is to have the abortion, not to have the baby, and I think in this society that we live in, in a land of plenty, if we can't figure out how to take care of these babies I think we have vacated our responsibilities to the human race.