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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Well I want to suggest respectfully that I believe it is the duty of this body, if it is going to appropriate money to the Nebraska Research Initiative, to support a research program of this kind, I think we ought to know where it's going to lead us. Is there going to be a greater and greater demand for fetal tissue as a result of what this research achieves? I respectfully suggest that the issue will not go away. It's not good for our university in a free-form, it is not good for us, because we are not fulfilling our duty, and it will not go away. The fact of the matter is that the university will come back to us next year for \$810 million, they'll ask for \$23 million for the Nebraska Research Initiative,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time. Thank you, Senator Brashear. Members, for your information, there are 28 lights on, 29. I'll read the first nine lights. Senators Brashear, Senator Dwite Pedersen, Senator Engel, Senator Chambers, Beutler, Senator Hilgert, Dierks, Landis and Bourne. Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President. As I said, I don't believe this issue will go away. We will be confronted with these appropriation questions, and they're not distant appropriations, they aren't for research into livestock diseases in western Nebraska. We'll be asked for \$77 million for a new Research Center of Excellence at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. I think we'll want to fairly, deliberately, carefully treat that issue, and I don't think we have the answers to the questions. I'm not suggesting a meltdown. Some editorial and op ed writers seem to imply that we were all born under a rock yesterday. We know how the process works. I don't think my record in working among you has been one of promoting meltdowns. I think I've spent a reasonable amount of time trying to find reasonable solutions to problems. I do not know what the perfect solution to this is. Some would have it be a ban, and I've already displeased those people, apparently. Some would have it be hide our head and do nothing. I'm sorry, I, as a conscientious person, simply can't accept that, unless it be the will, of course, of the majority. I need some answers to