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SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Members, I've only been in the Legislature for two years now and as such I've never experienced a debate of this nature. And I guess what struck me about this is that nobody is really paying attention, it seems to me, nobody is paying attention to facts, it's all emotion and conspiracy and people hiding this, people hiding that, but nobody is paying attention to what are the facts, what is this research doing, what are the facts of the research as it relates to abortion? And I just kind of wanted to go over a little bit of that with you. The first thing I wanted to do, however though, was respond to Senator Brashear. He indicated that somehow the university has indicated that there was no tax dollars going to this research. And on February 23rd we had a Judiciary Committee hearing, and Sam Cohen, who is with the university and active in this research, testified that 15 percent of the salary support comes from state fund dollars. So, I mean, this is no conspiracy; nobody is hiding anything here. But I wanted to kind of go over some of the facts. Currently, 4 million Americans have Alzheimer's; this research will help those people. Fourteen million Americans will have Alzheimer's Disease by the middle of this century, unless we can learn to either prevent it or cure it. I think that this research will help those people. Currently, here at home, 77,000 Nebraskans have Alzheimer's Disease; this research could help them. You want to talk about dollars, United States society spends \$100 billion per year on Alzheimer's Disease treatment. I think that this research will help that. You want to talk a little bit about the history of fetal tissue research, fetal tissue research has been done since the 1930's. Fetal tissue research has led to vaccines for rubella, varicella, I don't even know what varicella is, but it sounds terrible, but I know that it's been stopped or helped because of fetal tissue research. Fetal tissue research has led to the cure for polio. We all know what that is, a terrible affliction. It's been cured or obliterated because of fetal tissue research. And also the vaccine for Hepatitis A was developed using fetal tissue research. This seems to me to all boil down into a fight, I guess, between pro-life and pro-choice, and I think that's unfortunate. I went into the hearing with an open mind. I thought if the university is doing the wrong thing, then I'm going to help whoever stop that. I was waiting to hear, after the five or six hour testimony, the