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five or six hour hearing we had in the Judiciary Committee, I was waiting to hear that somehow abortions had increased because of this research or were encouraged by this research. That wasn't shown. If you look at the statistics on abortion that occurs here in Nebraska before 1993, when the research started and after, there's no increase, there's no evidence indicating that people are more likely to have abortions. And then you hear the argument that, well, oh, it makes it more palatable. Well the NIH guidelines, which the university has testified that they follow, indicates that the decision to abort must proceed any discussion of possible use of tissue in research. So I don't see that there is a correlation here between the thing. And then again in the five hour hearing there was nothing that demonstrated a connection between abortion and their research. But perhaps what seems to me to be the most important issue here is that the regents have spoken on this. On December 11th they issued a unanimous resolution upholding the research, a unanimous 7 to 0 decision to uphold the research. Are we going to micromanage every entity in the entire state? In my hometown of Omaha, currently before the school board, there is an issue where an honor roll student was suspended because she brought safety scissors to the school.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BOURNE: Should the Legislature get involved in that? Where is this going to stop? Every time there is a decision at a city, a school board level, a county level, whatever, is the Legislature going to become involved? The regents are elected to manage the university. And it seems to me that, on a 7 to 0 vote to uphold this research, those people who are most involved with this, who have more knowledge of it than we do have spoken, and I think that it's wrong for the Legislature to micromanage the university when the regents have spoken. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members. I rise to oppose the motion to place LB 1405 on the General File. I listened carefully to Senator Brashear's opening remarks. And it was interesting to me that a lot of his aim seemed to be focused on the management of the university. And a