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center's established policies and protocols, and unknown to the Board of Regents. I take the position that if it was unknown to the Board of Regents, then it was unknown to the people, because the people elect the Board of Regents to know and to supervise the operations of the university, including its medical center. So, if the regents didn't know from 1993 until 1997, then I felt it was appropriate for us to inquire as to, why not? What was the cause? Was it intentional? Was it inadvertent, et cetera, et cetera? The kinds of thoughtful questions you would ask if you felt that they should have known in 1993 and didn't know until 1997. However, ultimately, when you continue to examine the public record, you find that in 1997, when the regents found out, nothing happened. I don't think the people were told at that point either. Well, that's interesting, because then you have what I believe is the stated public policy of the state of Nebraska, which has been in force since 1973, juxtaposed to a decision of the Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees, whatever you want to call them, the fiduciaries for and on behalf of the people who operate the university. All right, so now we're at 1997. Subsequently I find in the public record, it's distressing, and I admit I believe it should be inquired about. I begin to see what at best I'll call confusion, and at worst I'll call clear evidence in reports to the Legislature that the tax monies of the state of Nebraska, as appropriated by this body, are in part, in part I said, being used to support this research. Now as you involve tax monies, then I believe you increase the duty and the responsibility to account for your actions, your decisions and the like...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...to the members of the Legislature. I'm still not satisfied that tax monies aren't involved. I think it's perfectly clear that although the word "fetal tissue research", the word "fetal" itself, which would be an alarm bell for those who have an interest in public policy I would think, the word "fetal", ironically, never ever appears in the legis...in the legis...in the reports to the Legislature. In fact, approximately \$3 million is appropriated every year, through the Nebraska Research Initiative, and each year the report says that that money is being used in part to promote the research that is ongoing. Maybe there is an explanation as to