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why no tax monies are involved. It's not clear to me, I don't think it's clear to every citizen of Nebraska; I think it's an appropriate inquiry by this body.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, members of the Legislature, let me say, first of all, with respect to Senator Hilgert, that I greatly appreciate the measured tones and the intelligent questions, all fair questions, I think, with which he introduced the matter to us. Obviously, we will be spending a great deal of time on this subject. And so I would hope that the time that we spend would be useful to us. If you have decided already on religious or philosophic grounds that no use of fetal material is acceptable under any conditions, then no debate is going to be helpful to you. If, on the other side, you've decided for religious or philosophical grounds, that no limitations on research is acceptable to you, then no debate is going to be helpful to you. But if, like myself, you have great empathy for the victims and families of victims suffering from terrible neurological diseases, and if also great sympathy for the feeling that abortion should not in any way be encouraged, and you want to accommodate both, if possible, that is, neither encourage abortion nor prohibit advisable research, then debate, I think, may be very useful. Maybe, hopefully we can find some middle path here. For me there are four factors that I feel I need to hear about in order to make a good decision. Let me tell you what they are so that, as those of you make remarks throughout the morning and the afternoon, maybe you can take a few moments to inform my judgment on these matters along with your other remarks. But here's what I think I need to know. Number one, can the law in this area be structured so as to practically eliminate any effect such use of fetal material may have on encouraging abortions? Can we structure the law to see that that doesn't happen? And I know that there's much that can be done in this area. I've already filed an amendment that would make, as a matter of state law, a prohibition on the traffic...trafficking of fetal tissue. That prohibition exists in federal law for interstate commerce; it would be helpful to have it in state law for noninterstate commerce situations. That's just an example of how I think the law can be restructured so as to mitigate the effect of, any effect of