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somebody available when a call is made to retrieve it, and then it is taken to the institution and handled from there. I don't even know why I would even talk about this aspect of it because nobody is really interested. We are in a political discussion and I'm going to discuss political matters.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I am sorry I missed a little bit of the discussion as I was talking to some high school students this morning, but I do feel that the use of fetal cells for research, it is a very difficult and it is a very complex issue. I have been an avid supporter of the university. My husband and I are graduates. Our three children are graduates. We also have a daughter that graduated from the University Med Center. I have a granddaughter that is going to attend the university this fall. But I do feel that it was wrong for the university to put this issue, so to speak, under the rug. This all happened back in 1993. Seven years later we are now having the discussion on this issue and I think that as citizens we should have been entitled to have this information prior to this time. I do support the continued research on the neurodegenerative diseases but I do support that the university continue to find alternative sources. And we've been talking about that this morning. I do feel that since we've had this discussion since December, we've had a commitment from the university. They have been looking into different ways of finding these alternative sources and I feel very strongly that they should continue this. I do not believe that...research does not exist in a moral vacuum. I believe instead of trying to justify its behavior at the university, it should stop this action of using the induced aborted fetal cells for this research. There have been six universities across the country that have outlawed the use of fetal cells. I also found out that the National Institute of Health has actually provided funding for 288 other research projects in the United States using fetal cells. So we are not the only university or school and I think that those other...other institutions are continuing to find some...some ways to treat these diseases. I guess most of all, however, I am opposed to the university giving Dr. Carhart a position on their faculty. Supposedly, it is an unpaid position but it does