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I would be more than willing to listen to any other debate on this area, but one of the things I want to suggest to the body, and I say this from my profession as a counselor, whatever side of the issue you are on here, if we're going to get into hatred, anger and resentment, that is another disease in itself, people, that is a cancer. Let's do what is right, and whatever that right does comes out of that vote. I'm not saying that all the votes are already cast in our own minds, that's why we debate. But I believe all issues ought to be looked at. We ought to keep the university's feet to the fire and we can find an alternative. The lady that has the sign out here saying, continue research, or do not stop research, I agree with her. There's not one of us in here that call ourselves "pro-life" that want to stop...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: ...research. We want these people with Alzheimer's, AIDS dementia, whatever the tissue is being used for, to have a better life and to live. I can't speak for all but I can speak for this guy. We don't want any kind of a stop to this research. We want life is what we are talking about. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I know that certainly not all, maybe not a majority agree with me, but I must say and I think I've consistently said in my six years here that I think we distinguish ourselves by this kind of thoughtful debate. I look around, I see everyone on the floor. I see everyone participating, and I have heard good thoughts and good debate on all sides. And I'm sorry, for me, that's what we're about. I must also say I certainly am not interested in living in a theocracy, but I'm also not interested in living in a, what would it be, scien... "scienocracy" or "scienceocracy". I don't want to be ruled by a bunch of scientists, and I guess, for me, I will stick with the democracy. That's the people's way, and I know technically we're a representative republic, but let's not get into that. We're here doing what we're supposed to do, and anybody who talked to me during the interim or off the floor knows that I believe that all the oceans...the open issues that