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donor, your next of kin does not have to make the decision at the time of your demise as to whether the organs can or cannot be donated. It makes what you decide, when you sign your...when you consent on your driver's license, it makes it at the time of your death your organs may be used for transplant purposes. And we heard a lot of good testimony. A lot of good people testified in favor of this bill, associations, whatever. It was supported by the university. Let me see, I have the notes here. All right, yeah. The bill was supported of the state's Organ Recovery System, the Nebraska Hospital Association, University Medical Center, Organ Recovery Service, and we had a lot of good testimony from people who had received transplants, all the way from heart to lung to liver transplant recipients, all in favor of this bill. What we're doing here today could very well affect many lives in the state of Nebraska from people who are in need of organ transplants.

SENATOR ENGEL: Thank you, Senator Schrock. The Chair recognizes Senator Kruse for discussion.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I stand in support of the bill, and also to...I'm able to document that the need is real, because I am one of those persons that has to stand by that bed and interpret the law as a chaplain within a hospital. As a chaplain, I am trained to look around the bed and, in time previous, if especially if the death is expected, to figure out what emotions and dynamics are going on in the minds of the loved ones and friends gathered there. But as a chaplain I am paged when someone dies. Now, you don't die in a hospital. You expire. So the call is that there's been an expiration in a particular room and I go there to see this family and so on. As a representative of the hospital, I'm required to fulfill the law of the state, which says that what this person had intended, and many times I have spoken with the person and have had confirmed directly to me, with the physician there in attendance, or a nurse, that they really want to do this, but I am blocked from following that through. I can say that to the family members, but if one member says, oh, it can be anything, I just don't want Dad to be cut up, I want him to go whole to his grave, or something like that...it's not a rational thought, it is an emotional thought...that's the end of