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other states and the District of Columbia have already gone. During the public hearing on this bill there was no opposition oral testimony. However, in support of the bill, we heard from four Nebraska families who traveled to Lincoln to testify to the circumstances of actual cases of an unborn child killed against the wishes of the mother. The families brought with them color photographs of their unborn children whom they've already named, and I've shared some of those photographs with you. If you study the facts and circumstances of those cases, I think you will agree that those families have suffered the loss of a family member that is no less devastating and damaging than it would have been if one of their born children had been killed. Those families, who I know are watching us today, traveled to Lincoln not because this bill will do them any good. It will not, and they know that. They came to Lincoln, as they have on numerous other occasions, because they want to make sure that the next victim is accorded the opportunity for justice that they have been denied. The time has come for this legislation's enactment. The overwhelming majority of states across the nation have similar laws on their books, and these laws have consistently been found to be constitutionally valid. As a matter of simple justice, a victim who has had her unborn child killed against her wishes ought to be allowed to go to court and bring a wrongful death legal action against the person who did it. I ask for your favorable review of LB 294. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Foley. You've heard the opening on advancement of LB 294. Open for discussion on that motion. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Foley a question or two.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you respond, Senator Foley, to a question?

SENATOR FOLEY: Yes, I will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Foley, did you and I have a brief discussion about this bill?