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to clone is an effort to create a human life for the express purpose, the express purpose of destroying that life. Now, whether it's called therapy, whether it's called implanting, that express purpose is to destroy the life, ultimately, especially in the therapeutic sense. We've seen media accounts of the lack of success in cloning. And we've heard other accounts in the media and otherwise of research and what's being done. And when we hear about adult stem cells, adult meaning any cells that are acquired following birth. Could be umbilical cord. Just recently I was told that baby teeth are becoming a good source of adult stem cells. And adult stem cells have given a lot more positive research and have made a lot more headway than therapeutic cloning. And for that reason, I believe that it is time that the state of Nebraska establish a policy regarding cloning, a policy regarding the respect for human life. And that is to adopt a ban on both types of cloning, reproductive cloning and therapeutic cloning. There will be an ample opportunity to discuss these issues. There are penalties that are mentioned. And I won't offer those, because I know that the Chair of the Judiciary Committee will talk about those. And so I will conclude my opening, and ask for your consideration in a positive fashion for the advancement of LB 602. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. You've heard the opening on LB 602. There are Judiciary Committee amendments. Senator Brashear, as chairman of that committee, you're recognized to open on AM0971. (Legislative Journal page 1181.)

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. The committee amendment furthers the purpose of LB 602 by making technical language changes to the original form of the bill. The intent of the Human Cloning Prohibition Act is to ban all human cloning, which includes human cloning for purposes of research, as well as human cloning for purposes of reproduction. The intent is not to restrict scientific research relating to the use of nuclear transfer or other cloning to produce DNA, molecules, tissues, organs, plants, cells other than human embryos, or animals other than humans. We're clarifying the intent in the amendment. The definition of "deliver" is added to include the constructive, actual, or attempted transfer from