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a day to try to maintain normal blood sugar. Therapeutic cloning would give him and all who suffer with juvenile diabetes and certain other diseases a chance to be healthy. The scientific possibility exists to create cures. Please do not legislate it away. I'm also concerned about other diseases that this research could help, because some of the most devastating diseases deal with damage to cells and tissues, and I know in my own family, one of my close family members has suffered for most of her adult life with an issue that has been partially addressed through organ transplantation, but it took many years and a long time to get to that point. And we might, with this research, coupled with other possibilities out there, be able to find a way to deal with those kinds of needs for improved...for cells and tissues that a person could use their own body to help make it possible for them to cure that disease, and also not have to take the very, very expensive and in some cases debilitating drugs for the cells that attack their immune system, the immunosuppressive drugs that keep them going after a transplantation of a cadaveric or a live donor situation.

SENATOR RAIKES: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: I don't pretend to know or understand this issue very well, so I'm just coming to it on very human terms, and my concern is that we're putting into law an unnecessary piece of legislation that has the potential to hurt the ability of Nebraskans to not only participate in research but...at some future point, and what that happens to science in our state, but also the potential that will harm Nebraskans who need this research, who need this help to lead healthier lives. And I think we're getting into an area that we don't understand very well. I don't think this is a pro-life issue. If you want to get into human cloning for purposes of reproduction, we can probably agree, but I don't think we should be using this valuable time to spend to try to sort this particular part of this bill out so that we have an understanding to do the right thing.

SENATOR RAIKES: Time.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you.