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SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I would encourage you to look at the actual language of the committee amendment that subsequently becomes the bill. And it doesn't bring in extraneous issues, such as banning the implementation of a cure in the United States because it was found elsewhere because of the research that was done to obtain the cure. I would point out that I realize there's some lack of comfort by some for banning therapeutic cloning, but there's comfort in banning reproductive cloning. But then some say that we don't know enough, therefore, do nothing and...or, therefore, just stick to the reproductive side. And I would suggest that if we know enough that we're comfortable with a reproductive cloning ban, we really know enough, and especially when the university comes in, in a neutral capacity, when we know enough, I would think, to establish policy relating to therapeutic cloning as well. I don't take this issue lightly. It is something that has a big impact on our state, a big impact on our policy across Nebraska. And in fact, it's my understanding there's not even a human clinical trial using therapeutic cloning. And we can say there's potential here, it might work there if, if, might, maybe, and really the issue boils down to the language in the bill that I believe is a very appropriate policy for the state of Nebraska to adopt. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Friend, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, Senator Johnson, you brought up a point a little while ago why are we addressing this bill. I look around...I think at times when I look around this Chamber and I wonder if I was here late enough at night if I could hear the philosophy seeping out of the walls. I mean, I'm not sure I believe in ghosts, but they've got to be here. The lawmakers in this body are philosophers too. Senator Johnson, I don't know if Senator Smith wants to answer your question. I think I can. This is part of our job. This is why we're here. Do we have time to deal with it? We have to make time to deal with this. If we have to come back five months from now and straighten out the budget, let's straighten it out. I agree with Senator Thompson, this is extremely technical. There are things that I will