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science, ignorant of the research, to say that because we are members of the Legislature and are authorized to enact legislation, is not an argument which says we should do it. When we acknowledge that we are acting from a position of ignorance, superstition, misinformation, half-baked information, we have given every reason why we should not enact a law, even if it wasn't on something like this. If it was a new economic theory, we should not come in here and enact a law on it. When we, during our discussion, admit we don't understand it, we don't know where it came from, we don't know what it is, we don't know where it's going, but we're going to enact a law and say, wherever it came from, whatever it is, whatever it may be, it shall not be in Nebraska, because we're going to stop it right now, because we're too ignorant to see anything of value, and our religion tells us that God and ignorance are synonymous. When I was a little kid, and still laboring under the deception that a lot of my colleagues still are about religion, I thought God knew everything. I never thought of God as being ignorant. I never thought that God loved ignorance. The verse that stuck out in my mind was, study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman who needeth not to be ashamed. Study. And Paul was writing about a group, and he said, the people in this location are more noble than the people in that other location, because they search the scriptures daily to see if those things are true. Don't just sit up here and let somebody tell you something. Search it out and see if it's true. Look for the truth. And the quest for truth should not be cut off by ignorant people. I'm putting myself in that category. I said "we." We are ignorant of this process. We are ignorant of the research that has taken place. This is some of that nonsense from pro-life zealots.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And they have them in Congress.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if you think for a minute that you're going to make me believe that Congress is the fountainhead of knowledge and wisdom, then you've got another think coming. You