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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR FOLEY: Obviously, I introduced the bill as the first proponent. Then Alyse Wisdom, who's a student at Lincoln Southeast High School; and then two parents testified in support of the bill; Nebraska Council of School Administrators in support; Nebraska Board of Education in support; then another parent; then Nebraska Catholic Conference; then Family Coalition; Family First; and then Nebraska Association of School Boards. Those were the proponents.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right.

SENATOR FOLEY: So it was a mix of parents, pro-life groups, and public school groups.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Foley, suppose the...since...let me back up. You had said there's nothing that would prohibit this information from being given out in school if Section 71-6909 is repealed. Would you agree then to strike the word "shall?" The first sentence of this section says: On or before October 1 of each school year, each school district "shall" provide written information to all students. Suppose the "shall" were changed to "may?" And it wouldn't have to be written information, but it may be provided by counselors.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What about an approach like that so a source for this information is available in the public schools? Would you object to that?

SENATOR FOLEY: I would object to it, Senator. I don't think there's a need for that language. The public schools are free to disseminate all kinds of information that are not itemized in our state statute books.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you agree that this is a highly controversial issue and that's why you brought it? Because you have not brought bills dealing with other issues relative to