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you are on the bill. But we've...I think you'd agree that we've done quite a bit of work in this body--and you were deeply involved in it and I appreciated it--in fleshing out our laws and enhancing our laws to give protection to the unborn, with the fetal homicide legislation of, I think, two years ago now, and last year the wrongful death statute that you were also involved in, went through the Judiciary Committee. So I think you'd have to agree that the concept of giving legal protection to the unborn is scarcely a new topic. It's been around for quite a number of years in this Legislature, and you've been helpful to moving those bills along. Correct? Am I correct, Senator?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Senator Foley, you are.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry. Time is up. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I rise in favor of FA1403, the Foley amendment. And I understand that there might be some wording that needs to be reworked, and that's why we have three rounds of debate and three votes, so that we can take something, make it a little better at the next round, perhaps. So there is time. There's the concept here for what Senator Foley proposes, and I believe that we can accomplish the concept by the third round, certainly. And I guess, since we're speaking historically of hate crimes and bills that got amendments attached that the sponsoring senator certainly didn't like, I have some experience in that arena, an issue that came up with no hearing, that was very new to the body, hadn't had a hearing in several years. And so I can speak from experience on that. But I also speak with reservation to the underlying bill, LB 270, and hate crimes and the prosecution of those. And I wonder if Senator Mossey would yield to some questions.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you respond, Senator Mossey?

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Mossey, do you know how often there is an enhanced penalty due to a hate crime in Nebraska?