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involved in this discussion, but it does concern me greatly. First of all, I have to acknowledge that I am pro-life, but I do have a problem with this issue if, in fact, what we put in there ends up being declared unconstitutional and we lose the whole thing. I respect Senator Foley and what he's trying to do, and I think that we should all respect him for that, but I'm concerned about, in fact, if it ends up that courts decide that this is an unconstitutional inclusion, will we then lose the entire process that we've gone through here. Certainly none of us want that to happen. I support what Senator Brashear has brought before us to correct an error that was done when this law was originally passed, and I'd hope that that's what we could do. I'd also hope that Senator Foley could bring legislation forth. In fact, if this does end up damaging the entire process, I'd hope that he could bring his own bill in that would address the issue that he's concerned about and I have concerns about. And this is...this is a difficult decision for all of us to make. At the outset, I had decided I would not vote for the amendment that Senator Foley put up for the simple reason I've told you; that I felt it could damage the process that we're trying to accomplish here as far as the original bill is concerned, so I just want to make my position known so that the people on this floor understand why, if it came to a vote, I would vote against Senator Foley's amendment at this time. Since that time, since that has taken place, obviously we've had some change in direction and it's been declared germane. I guess the best thing I can do is sit and look and visit and find out where we're at and listen to the debate and then make up my decision from the testimony that's presented here. With that, thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Bourne, on the Foley amendment.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I rise in support of LB 270 and AM0290 or, excuse me, AM0219 (sic), Senator Brashear's amendment, but in opposition to Senator Foley's amendment. We heard from a pro-life ex-police officer who said how important the underlying bill is, how he has personally seen hate crimes in action and he feels, as a person in the street, so to speak, how important it is to have