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SENATOR SMITH: ...a uniqueness unmatched. And that is why I believe that LB 602 is a very appropriate measure for the state of Nebraska to take. It's not a unique measure. Other states have done it. Other states who have done it are seeing advances made in biomedical research. And LB 602 simply codifies what University of Nebraska policy already is. And I understand there's concerns about research. But this bill will not hamper ethical research. In fact, I believe that this bill will promote research efforts, because when boundaries are set, people get more creative. We all know that. And when we look at the day-to-day issues of what we deal with,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR SMITH: ...LB 602 will not change what we deal with day to day, but it will establish an ethical...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: ...boundary for research in Nebraska. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the motion to recommit to committee, Senator Friend, followed by Senator Erdman and others.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, before Christmas just this last year...I watch a lot of TV, but not as much as I used to. And I was actually sitting with my son in a room watching a documentary about the Civil War. And from an eight-year-old I didn't expect a question like this, but I guess you have to be prepared for it. After about 20 minutes, he didn't say a word, and he said, Dad, why did we have slaves? Now, unless you've ever tried to answer a question like that for an eight-year-old, and I know some of you have, your head spins. Here's how I answered it, and I probably didn't answer it very well: Andy, I don't know, but it was wrong. Andy, I don't know, but it was wrong. I could have come up with something a little better than that, don't you think? Well, I could have probably said, Andy, all the study that I've done shows that the Confederacy came up with all kinds