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saw the need, when looking at the continuum of life, to care for an unborn child. So the continuum of life, whether it's funding prenatal care, whether it's a penalty for murder down the road, or whether it is a respect for the dignity...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR SMITH: ...of the human embryo, I hope you'll support LB 602. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Engel and Senator Smith. The next five speakers: Senator Jones, Thompson, Schimek, Vrtiska, and Hartnett. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President, members of the body, I just wanted to raise up and say a few things about this. I haven't weighed in on it yet. But the first thing I want to do is, I'm going to oppose recommitment back to the committee, because I think the discussion needs to happen here. But I was really concerned when they started to cloning animals. I thought, well, that's something that, whether we should be involved with or not. But when they start talking about human beings, that turned me off right quick, and I don't think we should be doing that. That's out of our realm to do something like that. I know there's research and something new coming out every day, and I know that they can use stem cells to help on a lot of things. But when they start talking about cloning and so, I have really been opposed to it, and so I signed on to LB 602, and I continue to support it and hope that we can get it moved here today and see if we can get it moved on. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I have some...many concerns about this bill. And they go to a lot of different reasons. Maybe we're going to get to some of the changes; maybe they're not. But I find it kind of, I don't know whether I should say shocking or disheartening, that originally this bill as it started off was criminalizing a process for doctors, researchers, people who would become patients, and others, that is really cut through...cutting edge,