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spontaneously.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Johnson, Senator Hartnett. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion, the next five senators wishing to speak: Senators Beutler, Dwite Pedersen, Johnson, Foley, and Smith. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I would like to speak against the bill as it is written, and in favor of research that may improve the human condition. And I want to go back and talk a little bit about what I think has been the genius of America. You know we are the wealthiest country in the world. You know we've figured out systems, economic, political, and otherwise, that have put us light years ahead of most nations on this earth. And I would argue to you that the reason that this has happened is not because we are without values, but because we are, bottom line, pragmatists, because we are, bottom line, commonsense people who are looking to results and who are balancing in each case the good versus the harm, not judging by virtue of some definition or some theological construct or some political construct that we need to hold together in order to be thorough and consistent and all together. We don't stick to things because they reinforce our pride or our intellectual well-being or whatever. We look to what the results are. We're pragmatic. We are ethical, but we don't look to one set of ethical considerations, but we balance all of the various sets of ethics. There are bad things that happen when you become too constricted and too hung up on words and concepts that are narrower in scope and that we don't even fully understand. Let me give you an historical example. At one time, all religions prohibited dissecting the human body. It was considered taboo, it was considered bizarre, it was something you could not do because the human body was sacred. And medicine didn't advance for centuries because of that prohibition. And the breaking of the prohibition came when they started pulling criminal...corpses of criminals out of graveyards, and brave doctors, like a guy named Galen, started