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what policy do we as a state set? And Senator Maxwell is right. We have an obligation to set the policy for the state of Nebraska. The issue, though, to me, looks like this. We have heard both sides say we need to move slowly. I have heard specifically Senator Brown say we need to move slowly. Well, I don't have a problem with that either. And in fact, if we pass LB 602 and the university comes back and says, there may be an opportunity to do some of these things and petition us with that information, I'm sure we'd be receptive. Because you see, I'm more interested in the process of governing that we grant permission, not grant forgiveness, because that's what the law is designed to do, is to permit the citizens to know what the law of the state is. And so that is one of the reasons why we should put LB 602 into law, to not only apply to the university and to those entities that they reach to, but also to set the public policy for all citizens of the state, if our leading research facility has said, this is what we believe is the right policy in regards to research. And again, this policy forces additional paths for people to seek to find some solutions to these answers. Senator Maxwell again was right on the debate of what we're talking about today. We're talking about a process in research where you take the life of an individual for the purpose of research, not a situation where a life has already been decided, but a sake where you have individuals creating life for a purpose of destruction. Now, I didn't go to medical school, but if I would have gone to our medical school, I would have read this in my book: Human development begins at fertilization. Human development begins at fertilization, the process which a male sperm unites with a female egg to form a single cell called a zygote. Now, we can argue whether we think that should be right or not, but the doctors are saying it and they're teaching it to other doctors within our own university system. The textbook also defines a zygote as a beginning of a new human being. So you can call it an embryo. You can call it whatever you want. The doctors that are teaching other doctors to follow them are calling it a human being in our textbooks, so I think that's important to notice. Third, we're talking about all these different paths that we should take. I've got lists. Everybody else has lists. There are developments being made in many areas to cure the same types of diseases that Senator Thompson mentioned. Are there potentially limitations should