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played a key role. I think some of our colleagues this morning are operating under the tactic that if you can't win the argument, change the topic. Let's not talk about the bill, they would say; let's talk about somebody who might support the bill; let's trash them; after all, they're not here to defend themselves. I prefer to talk about the bill. A constituent of mine has said, many hours ago on this bill, a constituent of mine called this bill to my attention. Actually, I was already aware of it because Senator Quandahl carried this bill, I think more than once. But a constituent contacted me and said, you know, we really needed to get that bill done. Julie Schmit-Albin never asked me to carry this bill. No pro-life group ever asked me to carry this bill. I carried this bill because I was aware of the bill and I believe in the bill. And if you question my sincerity on the pro-life question, then attack me. I'm here to defend myself. Don't attack somebody who doesn't have a microphone. And I'm prepared to defend this bill. I believe in this bill. It's a good bill. No other state requires the public school teachers to distribute abortion information on how the student can get an abortion without their parents being notified. No other state does that. And the senator who put this into the law was the very first senator to offer a bill to take it out of the law, and he did it again the following session and got it to Select File one time. Michigan tried this and got rid of it within a year. We've had it for 12 years, and for 12 years the public schools had asked us, time and time again, take this off of us; we don't want to interfere in the parent-child relationship, that's not our role; we want to educate your children; we don't want to be the agents of abortion information, that's not our job. I hope we can focus our discussion today on the bill and leave the extraneous issues outside of our discussions. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Foley. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I simply rise to support LB 172. I don't know if this is just a delaying tactic or what, but certainly Senator Schimek has that right, as I have engaged in that right on other issues. Let's keep the issue what it is. I hope that no one person sets the agenda of any member of this Legislature. This process is important. The