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first few years that I was here I spent a lot of time trying to come up with new strategies to get around Senator Chambers, and every one of those strategies tended to come back to bite us as a whole. And I think that very possibly cloture has done the very same thing, because we're not making good policy. We're not arriving at the best answer; we're arriving at the answer that we can get 33 votes for. And that's not in the best interest of the people of the state of Nebraska. It's not...I don't believe that this bill, in its form, is the best answer for the young people of the state of Nebraska, and that's why I have been quietly not voting for it...

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...even though I believe a change is needed. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Schimek, on the motion to return.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I appreciate all the comments that have been made this morning and I do intend, as soon as I'm done speaking, to pull the amendment. I've discussed with Senator Chambers that I was doing that, because he said he wanted to speak again, but I also believe he has an amendment filed that will give him that opportunity. So I do not...I did not intend to prolong the debate this morning. At this point, I think it's not a worthwhile exercise. My point all along has been in making it a worthwhile exercise. And, Senator Foley, I appreciate your words. We have worked together on other issues. I believe we could have worked together on this. You know, Senator Crosby and I had many differences of opinion on reproductive issues, but she and I always maintained that there was a way to find common ground, and I believe that. And we had...I remember one lengthy discussion we had in here one night when temperatures were high and we got into a very, very detailed discussion about finding common ground and it was one of the memorable nights, I think, in the Legislature. I think sometimes that people's