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provided. The Department of Health and Human Services shall establish a statewide toll-free number in order to comply with this section. The following section is outright repealed: Section 71-609 (sic--6909), Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska. That's the amendment that I'm proposing and it will take a bit of time to discuss the various aspects and elements of this amendment. Now I will tell you all something else. Some people on this floor have not learned anything about politics. They rise to what they think is bait. They think they're being baited. They're not even mentioned, and they jump up and hurl a challenge. Here is what I had proposed to do this morning.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I was going to...well, I'll mention that when I'm recognized. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You still have one minute left, Senator Chambers, if you...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I will give it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Senator Smith, on the motion to return, by Senator Chambers, LB 172. He waives the opportunity to speak. Senator Chambers, you're next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I was going to get on the floor and I had told Senator Schimek what my intent was, and I'm glad she did not reveal it, because sometimes things happen to change. I was going to mention what a huge pool of talent, ability and worthiness women comprise in this society; speak briefly in order to give examples of how they are put down, ignored, dismissed and treated with utter disrespect. I was going to mention how this type of legislation is offensive to me because it elevates a fetus above the worth of the woman in whose body the fetus is developing; how I am offended that rather than pass legislation that will protect the woman, additionally, if she is pregnant and harmed, the woman was left out of the equation and the fetus became the focal point. And people who will stand on this floor and yammer about the rights of a fetus, a zygote or