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to look at modifications we can make in our prescriptions so we can see it more clearly. And I didn't mean to get real philosophical and...but I do, as far as the bill goes, I do support the bill. I think if it was such a wonderful, great idea, more states would have piled on with us and created their own legislation to do the same thing in their schools. And I think it has stood the test of time that Nebraska is the only one with it on there. Senator Foley, you have a good point as far as the common sense of what your bill does and what it does free the schools to do. Relative to Senator Chambers' amendment, if we ever do go that direction, I think we need abstinence education, not just for pregnancies and abortions but because of the heartbreak that sexual promiscuity brings to young people in high school, boys and girls, and I think the message of abstinence needs to get out there. So if we are going to have some information, then let's let it be balanced and really, you know, instead of just here's what to do when you get in trouble at the end of the road, well, put up a stop sign and here's what could happen to you and maybe you need to be thinking in this term so that you don't have the heartbreak that goes along with some of the things that we decide to do as teenagers. That said, I really support the LB 172 for the reasons that I've said, and I would encourage the body to continue to think, continue to think about the third side of an issue. No matter what side we're standing on, we should always be willing to...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR COMBS: ...buy a stronger prescription if we need it, and if we need to be a little bit more broad-minded then admit it and move on. So I know this is tedious and not a lot of us like sitting here on Final Reading, but I think some important points have been brought out this morning that I'm very grateful for and I have increased my prescription plus point five. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Combs. Further discussion on the motion to return? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I