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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the other day I said I was a clock manager for the Legislature, and we moved all those bills we had to. There are still some people inside and outside the Legislature who don't know what a filibuster is. They don't know what extended debate is. Had it been my desire to take all of today, we would not be where we are now in this agreement. Senator Erdman, as young as he is; as inexperienced, relatively speaking, as some may deem him to be; he had sense enough to talk to the people or at least to one person who had great problem with the bill and by so doing we arrived at an accord. Sometimes people can learn from those who are young. Some people cannot learn anything from anybody. But because we get caught up so much in the latter days of a session, some things that take place may be missed in their true significance. Something significant happened this morning. I will not say any more about it. I'm going to support the motion that is before us. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion. I see nobody wishing...willing to discuss, Senator Erdman, so you may close.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to thank the ever gracious and collegial Senator Chambers, for his allowance for the body to move forward with this opportunity. His graciousness is not lost on me. I'd also like to thank those who engaged in the discussion on the actual underlying bill. The issue of what ages individuals in the state of Nebraska are granted rights will continue to be an issue. I think, as long as we have a state there will always be those who would like to see it higher or lower, depending upon the issue. And I think Senator Beutler is right to ask me where I'm at, because I think that's a discussion that we should all have. I'm generally going to err on the side of those who are in that 18-year-old bracket that is recognized in a lot of other states and say, you have a right. There may be some below that that may have some rights that we need to recognize as well. And so we're going to try and work through that limited scope between now and Select File. Again, the bill now narrows our discussion from a broad change of the age of majority in all areas, to simply changing the state statute in this area relating to when