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be respectful in my listening of this issue, and continue to be respectful of Senator Smith's positions. He's made some good points. But on balance, I think the scales tips against this bill. At this point, I'll be voting no on the bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Foley. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you. Mr. President and members, I rise in opposition to the bill. And, Senator Smith, you have done a very good job in trying to convince me otherwise on this. I think you've done your homework. I think you're very sincere about this issue. I just can't bring myself to agree with you. And I want to tell you and the members of the body why I don't agree with you. And I know that you will respect my position, as I do yours. Senator Smith mentions that there are people in the lobby who look sheepish about their statistics. I don't know who they are, Senator Smith, and I'm not even...I don't want to know, I guess, who you think they are. But I also know that we have received a great deal of correspondence from groups in Nebraska regarding this issue. And I apologize for reading what we received from the conference in opposition to LB 70...or, the coalition in opposition to LB 70. But I think it's instructive for us to reread what they've sent us, and to concentrate on all the groups that are in opposition to LB 70. This particular group is composed of the Creighton University medical staff, the Lancaster County Medical Society, the Lincoln Medical Education Partnership, the Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, the Metro Omaha Medical Society, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Nebraska Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons, the Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians, the Nebraska Academy of Physician Assistants, the Nebraska Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Nebraska Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians, the Nebraska Chapter of American Physical Therapy Association, the Nebraska Emergency Medical Systems Association, the Nebraska Hospital Association, the Nebraska Medical Association, the Nebraska Medical Directors Association, the Nebraska Nurses Association, the Nebraska Oncology Society, the Nebraska Orthopedic Society, and the Nebraska Safety Council. Now, I don't know about you, but I