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And since I'm not going to take this to a vote, obviously, I want to use the time to comment on an article that I passed around, because there is a seething going on within my members. I cannot rest without saying something publicly to distance the Legislature from an asinine, repulsive, egregious, disgusting, immoral, inexcusable, even unacceptable position taken by Nebraska Attorney General Jon Bruning. When Robert Spire was the Attorney General of this state, he brought a quiet dignity to the office, impeccable manners and legal scholarship. His integrity was beyond reproach. There was a feeling of confidence in this man's integrity, honesty, and professionalism, even when he took a position with which one might disagree strongly. Unfortunately, that office has fallen on bad days. It is occupied by one who is rambunctious, shortsighted, lacking in professionalism and personal integrity. A mother's child who was nine years old was placed by the state in foster care. That child, along with others, allegedly was sexually abused by a man facing 22 criminal charges, among which are first-degree sexual assault and manufacturing of child pornography. When Attorney General Bruning put on his campaign hat, he said, protecting children is my top priority, and he said it after pointing out that this scoundrel had paid as much as \$2,000 to children to participate in the making of child pornography. He had the nerve to say that such conduct made one sick to one's stomach; that it was indeed sickening. What Attorney General Jon Bruning argued in this case is more sickening and stomach turning to me than the conduct of the reprobate which he was condemning. Obviously, that man has some serious problems, and he is due some serious punishment at the hands of the law. Attorney General Jon Bruning is trained in the law. He holds a law degree; is a member in good standing with the Nebraska State Bar Association. He is licensed to argue before the U.S. Supreme Court, which he has done on behalf of water and other things. But when it comes to a child having been sexually assaulted in the home of a person, which home had been designated by the state as a place where vulnerable, perhaps even abused children would be placed in order that they might have a chance in life, Attorney General Jon Bruning said that if the child was sexually assaulted the mother was partly to blame because, had she done her job, the state would not have placed the child at the disposal of this sexual predator. So