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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on the motion to indefinitely postpone. Open for discussion. Senator Foley, followed by Senators Brown, Howard, and Chambers. Senator Foley.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. No one needs a subscription to the Omaha World-Herald or Lincoln Journal Star or any other publication in this state to learn that I am pro-life. I am an open book on that question, and I always have been. When I entered this race, the race for this office years ago, the first question from the first reporter was, where do you stand on that abortion issue? And I was unabashedly pro-life. I'm pro-life to the core with no apologies. And I have the courage of my convictions. Because of my pro-life convictions, naturally, naturally I am at opposite poles with Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood is the epitome of abortion. They are to abortion what McDonald's is to cheeseburgers. They're the king. They do more than anybody else. And they are the number one agitator for abortion. Throughout this debate the last several days, what did you see in the news? You saw a sound bite from Foley and a sound bite from Planned Parenthood. That's what this has been about. The newspapers picked it up instantly. They knew. All of us knew. All of us, with the exception of Senator Chambers, I'm sure were lobbied by one or both sides, the pro-life groups or the Planned Parenthood lobbyist out here. Everybody knew who the two sides were in this battle. I've got a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in my district and I'm highly offended by that. I want them out of my district. I want them out of this state. You bet I do. During this biennium alone, I went before both the Appropriations Committee and the Health Committee and I unloaded on Planned Parenthood. It's all in the transcript. It's all out there in the public record. There's nothing hidden here. I went before that Appropriations Committee and I said, I am fed up watching our tax dollars go to Planned Parenthood. This is an affront to the taxpayers of Nebraska, and we need to do something about this. The second year of this biennium I came back again, brought the issue before the Health Committee in the form of legislation this time. And I fought for that legislation, got it out of committee, and brought it to the floor through all the conventional procedures. And again, read