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SENATOR FOLEY: Yes, yes.

SENATOR JOHNSON: When this topic was...had the discussion before, the concern that I had with the bill at that time, in addition to what I think we have corrected with the amendment, is...my concern was about the ability to continue or expand stem cell research being done here in the state of Nebraska. I guess I need to be reassured one more time, since we...there is language in here where we talk about an egg being impregnated, that that is a fetus. That is also the area where we do stem cell research. So what I guess I need to be reassured about one more time, is that...is it part of this bill that stem cell research would be prohibited by this measure? And I'll give the rest of my time to Senator Foley, and thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Foley.

SENATOR FOLEY: Yes. Thank you, Senator Johnson, for the question. All of the issues associated with biomedical research, stem cell research and so forth are certainly important issues to me, and issues that this Legislature has addressed and will address in the future, no doubt. But they're really separate and apart from what's happening in this bill, because if you look at page 2, line 10 of the bill, it speaks of the unborn child as being in utero, so protecting unborn life in utero. And of course the stem cell questions do not deal with unborn life in utero, so I think that would give you the assurance that you're looking for. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Foley. Senator Johnson, did you wish to have any of your time back? Thank you. No further discussion? Senator Landis, there are no further lights on. You're recognized to close on AM3170.

SENATOR LANDIS: Waive closing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis waives closing. The question before the body is, shall AM3170 be adopted to LB 57? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. Voting on the adoption of the Landis amendment, AM3170. Please record, Mr. Clerk.