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in this bill year after year after year. The Supreme Court has said this whole thing, this abortion issue, rests and is grounded on the subject of right to privacy. So, Senator Beutler, is it so improper then to discuss the right to privacy in the bill and say, hey, since the Supreme Court and the other courts have said it is in the abortion issue and since Nebraska has said, hey, no such thing exists, the first step is to say, indeed, the right to privacy exists? The right to privacy exists and that is all the language does and credit bureaus, if you are so worried, don't worry. Follow general good practices and you will have no problems. Banks, it is working in 48 other states. I wouldn't panic unless there is something that you don't want known.

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR DeCAMP: My good friend, Larry Ruth, an excellent lobbyist, I know has immediately scurried hither and thither saying we must stop this. He hasn't told you just why. He has just said, oh-oh-oh, it is bad. The word is out, bad. Ladies and gentlemen, fellow Senators, all it does is recognize that the right to privacy exists in this state and then it says with respect to abortion it certainly exists in this area because the Supreme Court has said so. Now that ain't so bad.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak and then Senator Fowler.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues, in working through the abortion bill, I think we have come now at this point to one of the most critical sections, one of the most critical sections as far as all the other sections, all the other components, of this particular piece of legislation, 316, and it boils down to the individual's right of privacy and I think in all good faith, in all fairness, that we are going to have to state in this particular legislation that that individual does have that right to privacy when we talk in these very sensitive areas. I think that the State of Nebraska needs this particular principle established and I can't think of a bill more appropriate to reiterate that principle than LB 316. I think without this particular section intact as it is written right now, we can just forget about any kind of agreement, any kind of abortion bill in any form and I don't think that we are ready to strike all our statutes in the area of abortion. I don't think we are ready to make Nebraska a wide-open state with no restrictions, no statutes, no legal wording, no sanctions whatsoever in protecting the unborn children and the point