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SENATOR MARSH: A procedure question, please, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes.

SENATOR MARSH: Was not the first vote to return it?

SPEAKER MARVEL: The first vote was to return it. The second vote was to approve it and the third vote...

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers, for what...?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, the bill is before us now again.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What I think the Legislature ought to do is hold up this matter and let Urbom make his decision. If what Senator DeCamp says is true and that you are not trying to divide the Legislature in terms of winners and losers, what will it hurt the Legislature to wait until he gives a decision and then draft a bill based on that? Senator DeCamp, I would like to ask you this question and it is strictly...this is a technical question now and there is nothing hidden in it. When do you think Judge Urbom might give a decision? Now certainly they know where your button is.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Touche. Senator Chambers, the new legislation is dramatically different from the old legislation as you well know. A decision based upon the old legislation would take, I'm sure, many months first of all, and leave Nebraska without any laws and would not address many of the issues the new legislation attempts to. All he has to do, as we have pointed out, is never reach the issues because of the definition of abortion. So the proposed solution you are offering leaves Nebraska, for all practical purposes, without any laws on the subject probably until, I'm guessing, next year when we would have to come back and go through this all again.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator DeCamp. My feeling was that in view... Judges do take notice of things that happen in the world although they seem not to. My feeling was that Judge Urbom would act in an expeditious fashion on this matter, although, Senator DeCamp, you may be correct because I talked to the Chief Justice of the