

think it was important and something that we need to recognize that, tonight on this floor, we can all say we agree on this and that this should be of highest priority as we address the abortion issue. I have gotten up a number of times and have pleaded to the people who have been in sessions long before I have, and who have fought out this issue many times, I have said that people back home have said to me, time out, stop, stop your railing, stop your fighting, and stop going on automatic response, when you get up to talk about the issue. Of course, we are happy our mothers didn't have abortion. That is not what we are talking about tonight. What we are talking about are those mothers or those women who got...who are pregnant and do not want to be there. That is where the problem is. The pregnancy, after that occurs, the horse is out of the barn. You understand that term. That's...it's useless, and that is what people are saying to me. Don't waste your time. Don't waste your energy. Get off of going back to the same old tired arguments, the same statements, the same automatic replay. Push the race button. Start down a new road, a new track, and that is what I am asking for you people who are leaders here to take the lead and say, we won't go back to those old arguments, we won't go back to those old statements. We are going to look in a new direction. We are going to lead the way for Nebraska. We are going to be leaders because that is what people want us to be, and we are going to be together on the issue of saying and focusing our attention on unwanted pregnancies. That is what these amendments have done. That sets a new road here in the Legislature and down that road we'll get to where we should be going in helping young women. On my reason for not wanting LB 78, I found an article in our paper, a letter to the editor, last evening, from someone from the Clay County Right-to-Life Group. In that letter to the editor, they say, called informed consent, this bill would simply require that a woman be given information on the developmental stage of the baby, and to wait 24 hours before receiving an abortion. Then she says, I don't think we should allow a doctor to perform any other optional medical procedure without first being told what they plan to do and being allowed to think it over. Any optional medical procedure, this is the problem with some of the mind-sets in what we are discussing with LB 78. I don't know, as I think about that, and what the writer states, no other optional medical...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.