

Senators tackle fetal issue

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Bob Blank, director of Metro Right to Life, returned fire by slamming what he said was Miller's shady anti-abortion stand.

Miller said he supported the research but didn't support abortion.

Blank said every anti-abortion rights group in the country opposed the research, and "real pro-lifers" oppose the research, too.

"The practice is at odds with the purposes and beliefs of every group in the nation," he said.

Mills said groups like hers protest the practice because it "degenerates life" and increased the number of abortions.

UNL Interim Chancellor Harvey Perlman said claims like Mills' simply aren't true.

He said women would have abortions regardless of whether researchers use the aborted tis-

sue. Moreover, he said, what would be truly unethical would be to abandon the valuable material.


"Once an abortion is performed, it is a moral sin to discard tissue that could otherwise offer hope to millions who suffer from debilitating diseases," he said.

While Pedersen said his bill would expedite the process of finding an alternative to aborted fetal tissue, Miller said it would cripple it.

Nebraska is the only state in the country that is actively looking for alternative sources, he said.

By passing the bill, he said the senators would quash any attempt to find different sources.

"Passing a research ban in Nebraska does not stop the research, it simply forces the researchers to move to Harvard or Iowa," he said.



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