

procedural question before the body and, Madam President, don't worry, I think we have...we have that handled. So don't worry about that. There seems to be a procedural confusion and I hear in some of the...the language that people are using as they're speaking, they're saying, don't strip the Hall amendment, don't reconsider or please do reconsider. We already have reconsidered. The state of LB 1066 right now is there is...there are no MacBride Principles in them. I believe that is correct. I ask for verification from the Presiding Officer.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: That's correct, Senator.

SENATOR WITHEM: That is the case. So, as you vote on this, if you want to vote the MacBride Principles, you will need to vote yes. If you would prefer not to have them then it will be a no vote. With that, let me yield the rest of my time to Senator Lindsay to make some points.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President. Thank you, Senator Withem, members. I guess I still...I want to get back to...to the issue that we're voting on because it is just a basic human rights issue. And I think we have steered away from that, unfortunately, because of some of the other reasons that we would or would not vote for this. The MacBride Principles, as Senator Ashford mentioned, came about through the work of a Nobel Peace Prize winner, Sean MacBride, because he recognized early on what many of...many parts of the world have not closed their eyes to. In other parts, like here in Nebraska, we have. The fact that if you're Catholic in Northern Ireland, you're part of that segment that has the highest unemployment rate in the European community, at over 40 percent. And we complain here in Nebraska that it gets up as high as 3 percent or 4 percent. Over 40 percent unemployment among Catholics in Northern Ireland; the highest infant mortality rate in western Europe; has the highest lack of housing, the lowest standard of living, the lowest standard of education; actual segregation, actual segregation in the schools. You go to the good schools if you're...if you're a Protestant, you go to the bad schools if you're a Catholic, things that we, again, take for granted. The highest level of violent crime is among Catholics in Northern Ireland. These are all...if you look at the worst conditions, that's where they're occurring. The highest jail population in the European community, it's the same. The final thing that I