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to apply to. And we're talking about an act. In each one of these crimes that we're creating it is an act which a person performs, not just "something". And I think when we're crafting statutory language it would better...be better to use the word "act" than the word "something".

SENATOR FOLEY: The...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You'd be saying you formed an intent to commit an act before you did it, before you committed the act, rather than you formed an intent to do something before you did something. I think it would be much better, more appropriate, to use the language that I have offered here, but...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...it's not for me to determine what the body is going to do. I'm offering the language. If you are persuaded that the language that I'm offering comports with the kind of language we put into the statutes, you will accept my language. If, on the other hand, you want to speak colloquially and say it's an intent to do something, then you will reject my language, feeling that the statute ought to be expressed in colloquial terminology rather than precise statutory language. If you have any questions of me, I will answer them.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Redfield. No, excuse me. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, I appreciate what Senator Chambers is trying to do, but if you'll look in our current statute, Section 28-302, under the define of "homicide", which is where "premeditation" is design...or is defined, it says, premeditation shall mean a des...shall be a design formed to do something before it is done. And the difference between that and what Senator Foley has put both in his amendment and in his bill is the difference between the word shall...the words "shall mean" and the word "means". So existing in our current statutes, according to 1977 I believe it was when LB 38 was passed, premeditation as defined in LB 824 is there. So, from that standpoint, I think it's...I think there probably could be