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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 589 passes. (Visitors introduced.)
Mr. Clerk, LB 824E.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do have a motion on LB 824. Senator Chambers would move to return the bill to Select File for a specific amendment, that being to strike the enacting clause. (FAS62, Legislative Journal page 709.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, before I proceed I want to quote something for Senator Foley: Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy. My intent is not to carry this bill forever, but there are some things I want to get into the record. So I would like to ask Senator Foley a question or two, then I may engage Senator Brashear. Senator Foley, do you have a copy of the Final Reading bill with you?

SENATOR FOLEY: I do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm going to look in line 15, where you see the two words "after birth". Do you see that?

SENATOR FOLEY: I do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, that is a part of the definition of unborn child. So, an unborn child can be a child which actually has been born, isn't that true, based on the definition?

SENATOR FOLEY: The definition seeks to provide some guidance that the...the death, the criminal act committed against the unborn child occurred when the child was in utero, but the death may actually have occurred after the birth of...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And...

SENATOR FOLEY: ...the unborn child.